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A Jolted Los Angeles **Makes Fast Recovery**

Billions in Earthquake Aid Bolster Region Hit Hard by the Recession

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr.

New York Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Two months after it was struck by one of the costlies earth-quakes ever in hit the United States, Los Angeles is making a quick recovery.

Southern California's economy, already showing signs in pulling out in recession, is getting a jump start from the \$15 billing in reconstruction aid that has started flowing in: \$11.5 billion in federal and state money and \$3.5 billion in insurance payments. In June, Californians will vote on a \$2 billion bond issue for quake repairs.

The latest unemployment survey uncovered a significant post-quake dip in jnhlessness in Los Angeles in February, in 9.7 percent from 11 percent.

Nancy Bolton, who specializes in the Cali-fornia economy for the Business Forecasting Project at the University of California at Los Angeles, said, "It's a one-shot thing, not a permanent creation of jnbs and markets, but every little hit helps when you've been through what Southern California has been

While unemployment might start to rise again ooce the reconstruction winds down, the setback might not be particularly great, Ms. Bolton said, because the economy could be producing more jnbs here by early sum-

Today, workers are rebuilding highways with a headlong vengeance — some damaged sections are expected to reopen in May, a month ahead of schedule — and are reconstructing crunched houses, offices and

True, a few residents have fled, hastened by the bundreds of aftershocks that cause no oew damage but are a reminder that the "Big One" is still to come. Many people have lost jobs, homes and businesses and will not soon recover, if ever.

But for the most part, Los Angeles is picking itself up one more time after being floored earlier by recession, riots, fires and

"I'm toughing it out, and I'm going to make it," said Laura D'Angelo, the owner of a children's novelty store in the Northridge everywhere as more repairs get dooe."

area of the San Fernandn Valley, the epicen-

ter of the quake.
"I'm open for business even though the ceiling is still sagging and one wall is propped up," said Ms. D'Angelo, whose sture was closed only six days. "I doo't say things are good. Nnt yet. Sales are off at least 30 percent."

The quake, measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale, left 61 people dead, 9,000 injured and 25,000 homeless. It seriously damaged more than 30,000 houses, apartments and husinesses, many beyond repair, and left perhaps 250,000 others with minor damage.

State disaster officials still do not know how many jobs and businesses have been

how many jobs and businesses have been permanently lost. Nor have they been able to compute lost wages and sales, although initial indications are that tourism, an economic pillar of the region, is holding up well. Governor Pete Wilson has estimated the cost of the quake at more than \$20 billion.

Despite such losses, the recovery effort is providing a much-needed economic boost, as often happens in disasters. It is creating jobs in construction and markets to offset some costs of the destruction.

Mnre than 450,000 applications for disas-ter aid have been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a national record in requests for recovery money, and the agency has so far handed out \$870 mil-

The people left homeless by the quake are now living in houses and apartments there was an 8 percent housing surplus at the time of the disaster—or they have moved in with friends or relatives. Frequently, it is a spare, uncomfortable and costly existence, hut it is a step back toward normality.

"Our house is in danger of collapsing, so we sleep in what's left of the garage," George Wolfus, a Northridge optometrist, said this week. "We lost all of our china, and so we're eating off paper plates. Eventually, we'll get it all back together. It's a good life."

But Mr. Wolfus has still not been able to

repair and reopen his office.
"I can't take much more of this because I've got no cash flow," he said. "The damage is so bad that I may eventually have to move to a new building. But places are opening up



FRANCE TRIES COLLABORATOR — Paul Touvier, the former pro-Nazi militia chief, in a bulletproof glass box Thursday before his trial for crimes against humanity opened in Versailles. He is charged with complicity in the killing of seven Jews. Page 2.

Pact Signals First Break In the Siege Of Sarajevo

2 Sides Agree to Open Bridge and Key Roads To Limited Civilian Use

By Chuck Sudetic

New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina --- The 23month Serbian stranglehold on this city eased for the first time on Thursday, on paper at least, when Bosnian government and Serbian leaders signed an agreement allowing limited move-ment for people and "humanitarian goods" across siege lines beginning next Wednesday

morning.

This is a first, modest and very important step," said the UN military force's civil-affairs chief, Sergio Vieira de Mello, after witnessing the signing by Hasan Muratovic, a Bosnian government minister, and Momcilo Krajisnik, president of the Bosnian Serbs' self-styled par-

The agreement marks the latest high point in a march toward peace that began last month vben the nationalist Serbs, under threat of NATO air strikes, withdrew scores of artillery pieces they had used to pummel this city for 22 months.

The deal, signed at Sarajevo airport, paves the way for traffic, albeit restricted, to ply four routes in the area:

● A main road linking the government-controlled core of Sarajevo with central Bosnia through the Serbian-held suburbs of Vogosca and Ilijas and the Muslim town of Visoko.

• The front-line Brotherhood and Unity Bridge connecting central Sarajevo with the Serbian-held Grbavica neighborhood. A pair of criss-crossing roads through the

UN-controlled airport, one linking the Bosni-an-controlled areas of Dobrinja and Butmir, the other joining the Serbian-held suburbs of Ilidza and Lukavica.

The opening of the Dobrinja-Butmir ronte across the airport would effectively end the Scrbian siege. The agreement allows for groups of vehicles, including passenger cars, to travel the route each day in a pair of two-hour shifts, "We won't have to go underground like rats

anymore," said a Bosnian Army officer, refer-ring to a tunnel under the airport runway that has been the only secure route into and out of the city since last spring. The tunnel will remain the Bosnian military's only access to the city, however, because the agreement Thursday forhids soldiers or military supplies from using agreed access routes.

People wanting to use the Brotherbood and Unity Bridge in either direction must be announced to the opposite side at least 24 hours in advance, effectively giving each side veto power nver who may cross.

The agreement is the fruit of weeks of negntiations, which took on momentum with the implementation of a cease-fire that has silenced all but desultory small-arms fire around the Sarajevo battlefront

"We've persuaded the three armies that they're not going to make any more gains mili-tarily," said a high-ranking UN military official, expressing confidence that the agreement will be carried out. Until four weeks ago, warfare between the

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Russia to Stop Producing Weapons-Grade Plutonium

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Russia has agreed to shut down three nuclear reactors still producing weapons-grade plutonium, Russian and American officials have announced, making Russia the last of the world's five declared nuclear nations to stop producing fissile material for When the last plutonium is extracted from

the irradiated uranium fuel rods at the plants, it will mark the first time since the beginning of the atomic age 50 years ago that none of the five major nuclear powers will be producing the basic building block of nuclear arms. Although full implementation of the U.S.-

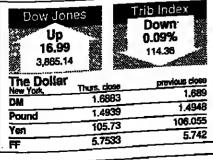
Russia agreement is several years away, "both our governments recognize that ongoing production of these reactors makes little sense in this day and age," Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary said Wednesday, hailing "progress along the path of nuclear disarmament." The reactors "pose a security threat to the entire world," she said.

The Russian atomic energy minister, Viktor N. Mikhailov, appearing at a news conference here with Mrs. O'Leary, said that "eight years ago in my most fantastic dreams I would never ave imagined" that Russia would stop produc-

ing plutonium for its nuclear arsenal.
Russia, like the United States, has a surplus of plutonium recovered from dismantled warheads. Its continued production of the material has been a source of concern to the Clinton administration and the arms control communi-

In three days of talks in Washington, Mr. Mikhailov and Mrs. O'Leary concluded a deal under which Russia will shot down the reactors as soon as alternative sources of heat for their communities are available, and the United States will help Russia find the money to pay for the new heating plants. In a related accord, the two countries have also agreed to permit inspections of each other's plutonium storage

Plutonium is a by-product of the irradiation of uranium fuel rods in nuclear reactors. In the United States, all reactors designed to produce plutonium have been mothballed, and used fuel from commercial plants is left intact and stored



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Russian 'Partnership'

Russia told the United States on Thursday that it planned to join NATO's Partnership for Peace program this month. (Page 6)

ically to have its plutonium content extracted.

Russia, however, has continued to separate plutonium from the reactors to be closed down. in Tomsk and Krasnoyarsk. The Russians said the reactors had to be operated as a source of heat, and that once the fuel was irradiated, plutonium had to be extracted because storing the fuel rods intact was unsafe.

By agreeing to help Russia acquire new heating plants, the United States made it possible to

Fire broke out at the Khmelnitsky nuclear power station in Ukraine, but it was quickly extinguished and there was no increase in radiation, Reuters reported Thursday from Kiev,

national scale of nuclear accidents, was the Ukraine's nuclear industry.

in pools of water rather than reprocessed chem-

stop operating the reactors within a few years, meaning there will be no more spent fuel from which plutonium will have to be removed.

quoting the plant's chief engineer.

The fire, rated zero on the seven-point inter-

latest in a series of incidents afflicting

Feeding Bosnia by Air: One Program That Worked

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service
NAPLES — Every night, it's the same thing: Load the planes with food, fly over the dark wasteland of Bosnia, shove the stuff out the back, fly home.

Mercy has become an endless routine in the endless Bosnian civil war, perhaps because the feeding of Bosnia has been a modest achievement overshadowed by failures — failures of diplomacy, of humanity, of military threats that until recently were all bark and nn bite.

Nevertheless, if there is a positive counterpoint to the Western world's inability to end the carnage in the former

Yugoslav republic, it may be the dogged persistence in hauling food, medicine and other supplies night after night, week after week, in a relief mission that now has lasted 20 months nearly a half-year longer than the Berlin Airlift of 1948-49.

Nearly 11,000 flights have hauled more than 100,000 tons of supplies, from candles and cinthes to beans and flour. About three-quarters of the missions have flown into the Sarajevo airport; the rest have involved airdrops over besieged areas inaccessible to land convoys.

"It has basically kept Sarajevo alive," said Ron Redmond, a spokesman in Geneva for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refngees, the agency supervising international relief

efforts. "Without this airlift, I'm sure there would have been starvation in Sarajevo. When we started, we thought it would last at most a few weeks or a month. That was in July of '92."

"I feel very good about what we have been able to do." added Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's southern commander in Naples and Mr. Clinton's nominee for chief of naval operations. "For many, many months, 80 or 90 percent of the sustenance that was getting into Sarajevo was coming that way." The humanitarian campaign has not been an unvarnished

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GUILTY — Tonya Harding being sen-tenced after pleading guilty to hindering prosecution in the Kerrigan case. Page 18

For BA, USAir WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Trans-

Links Extended

portation Secretary Federico Peña on Thursday extended for one year the codesharing flight links currently available to British Airways PLC and USAir Group Inc. But Mr. Peña said he would not act on a

request by the two carriers to expand their code-sharing anthority to more American airports and cities. Code-sharing lets the two carriers sell each other's services on selected routes by sharing flight codes.

Last March, Mr. Peña gave one-year approval for the code-sharing links. He indicated he would oot renew the rights if Britain failed to give other American carriers more access to Heathrow Airport, the hub of choice for many travelers to London.

Rules for Derivatives

The president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is leading the call for clearer regulations on derivatives, which are sophisticated investment vehicles derived from the price of other instruments. Page 11.

LATE SOCCER SCORE UEFA CUP Quarterfinals, 2d Leg Inter Milan 1, Borussia Dortmund 2 Inter wins 4-3 on aggregate

Uneasy U.S. Businessmen Lobby for Open China

By Peter Behr

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — American business executives from Detroit to Beijing, shaken hy recent sharp exchanges between the United States and China over human rights, are stepping up pressure on the Clinton administration and Congress to keep China open to U.S. prod-

The business community's chief argument is that with China oo the threshold of huge investments in industrial and communications infrastructure, a trade conflict now could not come at a worse moment.

The U.S. secretary of state rejects criticism of his mission to China. Page 6.

United States. Administration officials, for instance, are considering asking U.S. businesses to adopt "codes of conduct" for doing business in China, trade sources said.

And on the Hill, Senator Max Baucus, Democrat of Montana, chairman of the Senate Fi-

At the same time, a search is on for new ways to pressure China on human rights short of cutting off its favorable trading rights with the commission and the use of targeted trade snotions against Chinese products that violate U.S.

> For now, however, the future of U.S.-China business ties hinges on a single test. President Bill Clinton has said renewal of China's mostfavored-nation trading status in June will require specific improvements in human rights. such as freeing political prisoners and permitting prison inspections. China's recent defiant

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Headed Up, Shanghai Moves People Out

By Daniel Southerland Washington Post Service

SHANGHAI -- Near a rubble-strewn swath of land that cuts through central Shanghai, an elderly scholar gestured angrily over his stateordered eviction from the apartment he has lived in for decades. The slight, gray-haired man said he must soon move to a new

apartment about 15 kilometers outside the city. "We have no choice," said the man, who declined to give his name.

"We're being ordered to leave. We have to leave."

Tens of thousands of Shanghai citizens have been swept up in a forced exodus to the suburbs to make way for the city's multibillion-dollar urban-restructuring plans. With central government support, the authorities in Shanghai want to restore the city to its prerevolutionary position as a financial and cosmopolitan center of Asia - an aim that could take many years.

But even now, Shanghai is caught up in an economic, investment and real estate boom that has driven rental rates for office space in the city center to levels higher than New York and roughly equal to Paris.

Shanghai is in a hurry to catch up economically with the prosperous. dynamic south coast of China.

In the past, under China's central planning system, Shanghai was forced to hand over most of its industrial profits to the central government in Beijing, and the city fell behind the special economic zones established nearly 15 years ago in southern China.

But since being granted similar economic freedoms in 1990, the city has been taking off. Economic growth reached 14.9 percent last year, exceeding the national average by 1.9 percentage points. Dozens of Fortune 500 companies are now investing here.

Few cities could afford to huild the infrastructure projects that Shanghai has either under way or planned. They include a subway, roads, tunnels, hridges, a power plant, a oew telephone exchange, a second international airport and the foundations of an entirely new economic zone in the city's Pudong district across the river from central

To help pay for this and related development projects, the city has See SHANGHAL Page 6

In Italy, the Old Communists Now Seem Anything But

ROME - Io a bid for oew respectability. Italy's former Communists are embracing free-market principles, defending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and generally acting as custodians of moderate policy as they wage their boldest campaign ever to enter government.

Now known as the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communists have recounced the ways of their old Stalinist comrades and increasingly embraced the views of their erstwhile capitalist foes as they struggle to recapture momentum and repel the rise of Silvio Berlusconi's rightist alliance.

After sweeping mayoral races in five of Italy's main cities in December, the former Communists were catapulted into the leading role as the vanguard of a progressive alliance that seemed destined to assume of the control of the con

power in elections later this month from the discredited governing parties of the last Parliament.

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The suggestion that the former Community for larly because many of their hard-core supporters have become so dependent for their party, which broke with the Democratic livelihoods on the hloated state enterprises.

But the sudden surge of Mr. Berlusconi's populist Forza Italia movement, which has reached a tenuous alliance with the separatist Northern League and neofascists in the south, has forced Achille Occhetto, the leader of the Democratic Party of the Left, to accelerate the transformation of his party's identity to the point where some of his program for the election campaign that allies have become infuriated.

The suggestion that the former Communists would again back Mr. Ciampi, who led the country through an 11-month peri-od of political reform and economie austerity at the head of a technocratic government, reflects the dramatic transformation of the party.

Under Mr. Occhetto's influence, the former Communists approved an economic states that "there is no alternative to the market economy." It also promises to pur-The former Communists, who lead an sue Mr. Ciampi's plans to slash the state eight-party coalition of progressive forces, deficit "with the same rigor and severity"

livelihoods on the bloated state enterprises which have come to symbolize much of the corruption and inefficiency that has eroded public faith in government,

Besides offering a disciplined domestic program, Mr. Occhetto has made several rips abroad to reassure Western bankers and allied governments that the ascendancy of a leftist government in Italy should not touch off a run on the lira or alarm bells at NATO.

talist Green Party and the anti-Maria Network Party run by the former Christian Democratic mayor of Palermo, Leoluco

Another key component of the leftist

Party of the Left over its acceptance of free-market principles.

Its leader. Fausto Bertinotti, insists that his party will do all it can to halt the selling off of state industries that employ so many supporters from the old-guard Commu-nists. But Mr. Occhetto is now hinting that he is prepared to jettison his old allies in favor of adopting new centrist ones.

Many of the Democratic Party of the Left's leading candidates for Parliament The progressive alliance headed by Mr. are drawn from business and moderate Occhetto includes the remnants of the intellectual circles. Such people as Rodolfo once-powerful Socialists, the environmen
De Benedetti, brother of Carlo, the chairman of Olivetti, and Pino Arlacchi, a sociology professor who is one of the country's top anti-Malia experts, illustrate the change in the composition of the party.

- WILLIAM DRÖZDÍAK

WORLD BRIEFS

2 Zulu Leaders Warn Against Vote

ULUNDI, South Africa (Reuters) — The Zulu chief, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said Thursday that war lay ahead if South Africa's first all-race elections were held next month without him. President F.W. de Kierk said he was upset by the remark, made in a hard-line speech opening the

KwaZulu homeland legislature.

The African National Congress, meanwhile, canceled a meeting between its leader, Nelson Mandela, and King Goodwill Zwelithini, an ally of Chief Buthelezi's, saying it feared for Mr. Mandela's safety. King Zwelithini, head of 9 million Zulus, said Thursday that the election

should be resisted at all costs. Chief Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, said the April 26-28 elections could take place only if "the might of the state" stifled the democratic opposition. But Mr. de Klerk said he had made a proposal to Chief Buthelezi that would "lead to a form of participation."

Police Raid Vladivostok City Hall

MOSCOW (Renters) — The police seized the city hall in the Russian Far East city of Vladivostok on Thursday after Mayor Viktor Cherepkov was removed from his post on corruption charges, news agencies report-

The police took control of the building early in the morning in wha local correspondents said was the latest stage of a protracted fend between the local governor and the city authorities. Pictures taken by a television cameraman showed Mr. Cherepkov lying on a bed in his office, apparently after suffering a heart attack. The Itar-Tass news agency said

he later left the building. Mr. Cherepkov was elected in June 1993, but soon fell out with the Moscow-appointed governor in the region, Yevgeni Nazdrazenko, who accused him of being corrupt. Supporters of Mr. Cherepkov were holding a protest rally Thursday night outside the city hall. Itar-Tass said.

Egypt Executes 2 and Condemns 9

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egypt executed two army officers on Thursday for plotting to kill President Hosni Mubarak and sentenced nine Muslim militants to hang for trying to kill Prime Minister Atef Sedki.

The militants exploded with rage in court over their sentences, chaning: "We will go to paradise, Mobarak, and you will burn in hell. We will kill you." They were charged with trying to kill Mr. Sedki with a car bomb that hlew up as his motorcade passed in Cairo on Nov. 25. A schoolgirl was killed and 18 people were wounded.

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The court rulings coincided with the execution of two army officers by an army firing squad in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria. The officers were convicted in a secret trial last month for planting explosives at an airstrip near the Libyan border that was to be used by Mr. Mubarak. A third officer sentenced to death is a fugitive.

Bomb Driven Near Israeli Embassy

BANGKOK (AP) — The police found a large bomh on Thursday in a rented truck that had been abandoned near the Israeli Embassy after a traffic accident last week.

A man's body also was found in the vehicle, which had been parked at a police station for six days after it was towed away. It is believed the bomb was meant to be detonated at the embassy, less than 500 meters from where the truck was abandoned on March 11, a police official said, He said the bomb, containing about 1.4 kilograms (3 pounds) of plastic

explosive, had been wired to a detonating switch on the dashboard.

The truck was involved in a collision with a motorcycle. The motorcyclist said the truck driver had fled. The bomb was found when the truck's owner came to claim the vehicle, which he rented on March 8 to a man he described as appearing to be about 30 years old and from the Middle East, About 30 Thai and foreign Muslims were demonstrating outside the embassy against Israeli policy toward Palestine around the time the truck

Pakistan and U.S. in Nuclear Talks

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AFP) - Pakistan confirmed Thursday it was holding talks with the United States on nuclear nonproliferation and the possibility of Washington lifting a ban on military sales to Islamabad.

The two governments are engaged in "deep dialogue" on the subject, the official Associated Press of Pakistan said.

U.S. officials said Tuesday that Washington might ease the freeze on military assistance to Pakistan and lift sanctions to enable the delivery of 70 F-16 jet fighters in return for a "verifiable" pledge that Islamabad will halt its ouclear program. Pakistan has refused to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty until India also agrees to sign.

\$2 Billion Is Set For Environment

GENEVA (NYT) - The United States and other aid-giving countries pledged \$2 hillion in financial aid over the next three years on Thursday to help poor countries keep the environmental promises they made at the summit meeting in Rio de Janeiro two years ago when they undertook to

fight global warming and preserve animal, plant and insect life.

The money will be used to replenish a new and restructured version of the Global Environment Facility, first set up on a trial basis in 1991 by the World Bank and the United Nations Development Environment Program, and to help the Third World pay the additional cost of making development projects environmentally sound.

At the Rio meeting, rich and poor countries undertook to reorganize the Global Environment Facility, provide "new and additional re-sources" and give it responsibility for helping developing countries finance projects related to the two environmental conventions most summit countries signed then as well as the cleaning up of water

TRAVEL UPDATE

Greek Law Puts Cap on Nightlife

ATHENS (AP) — A law restricting club hours and the entry of minors has gone in to effect in Greece. The law imposes a 2 A.M. closing time on thousands of clubs, bars and nightclubs throughout the country and requires minors under 17 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The count hours also apply to restaurants. It replaces providing begishation The new hours also apply to restaurants. It replaces previous legislation that allowed places of entertainment to set their own hours. Although the

law restricts entry to minors, it does not impose a drinking age. In Greece, people of all ages are allowed to purchase alcohol.

Public Order Minister Stelios Papathemelis said he drafted the law to cut down on crime and to increase worker productivity. "There is no reason for people to stay up all night for entertainment," he said. "There;) has to be a limit."

The Leaning Tower of Pisa has started straightening up, scientists say, and experts may let visitors climb its 294 steps again. Counterweights placed at the base of the marble tower have begun to reverse the slant.

The tower was closed three years ago. Amsterdam's 17th-century skyline of baroque gables is being destroyed

by modern construction, a preservation group warns. The Amsterdam Council for Monument Care has documented what it sees as building blight amid the canal houses, including water tanks, piping and conduits. industrial chimneys and advertisements.

Hours before the first flight was due to leave, the U.S. government granted one-time permission for a Japanese airliner to fly to Hawaii from Sendai, in northern Japan, a new route, Japan Airlines' application to make weekly flights on the route is pending at the U.S. Transportation

A Danish tour operator has canceled trips to Israel and Egypt because of tension in the region., The operator, Tjaereborg, is Denmark's largest offering trips to the Mideast. (AP)

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France Confronts Its Wartime Role as Touvier Trial Opens

William Drozdiak

Washington Past Service VERSAILLES, France — Fifty years after its liberation, France confronted one of the most sordid chapters in its history on Thursday - the extent of its collaboration with the Nazi occupation - by placing for the first time one of its own citizens on trial for crimes

against humanity.

The long-awaited case of Paul Touvier, 78, a former intelligence officer with the pro-Nazi militia, opened in a local courtroom here as the gaunt pensioner took his place inside a bulletproof box to face charges of executing seven Jewish prisoners in June 1944 as part of a policy of genocide.

As dozens of relatives of Jewish victims protested outside, Judge Henri Boulard asked Mr. Touvier to confirm his identity and place of residence and then chose a nine-member jury for the case, which is could not be tried for crimes expected to last five weeks.

Mr. Touvier was the leading intelligence officer for Klaus Barbie, the brutal Gestapo chief in Lyon who was later deported from his South American sanctuary to stand trial for war crimes before a French tribunal in 1987. He was found guilty and died in a prison hospital four years later.

Even more than the Barbie case, the accusations against Mr. Touvier have forced the French to acknowledge that collusion with the Nazis was far more widespread than popularly believed in a country that has long reveled in the inflated glories of heroic resistance.

The Touvier trial is expected to produce mounds of incriminating evidence showing how the collaborationist Vichy regime executed or deported French Jews, even without orders from the regime's German patrons.

The trial may raise embarrassing questions about the role of Roman Catholic monasteries, which sup-ported and sheltered Mr. Touvier for more than four decades even though he had been sentenced twice to death in his absence after the war.

A study of the Catholic Church's role in aiding Mr. Touvier was commissioned by the archbishop of

Lyon, Cardinal Albert Decourtray. The trial could also prick lingering sensiovities within the conservaove government of Prime Minis-

ter Edouard Balladur, who may testify during the trial. Mr. Balla-dur was a chief aide to President Georges Pompidou, who in 1971 decided to pardon Mr. Touvier. In 1981, after years of intensive

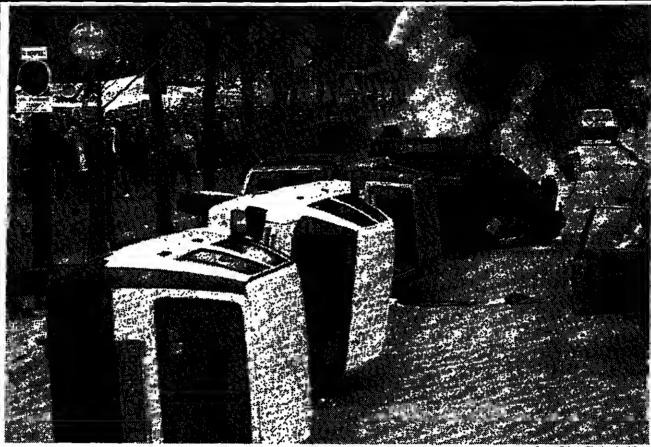
research by the Nazi-hunting cou-ple Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, Mr. Touvier was charged with crimes against humanity for the execution of seven Jewish prisoners, ostensibly in retaliation for the assassination by Resistance fighters of a leading Vichy propagandist.

He was finally arrested for crimes against humanity in 1989, when police officers stormed a monastery in Nice. But three years later, following the investigation by the Catholic Church, a Paris apcould not be tried for crimes against humanity because the Vichy regime "was not a distinct totalitarian state and did not practice ideological hegemony" — a claim that its anti-Semitic policies were imposed by the Nazis.

Public outrage over the decision led the appeals court in Versailles to reverse the decision and compel Mr. Touvier to stand trial even though he pleaded for mercy because of his age and health.

Mr. Touvier's lawyer, Jacques Tremolet de Villiers, sought Thursday to push for a dismissal of the charges, claiming they could oo longer be valid under France's oew penal code, which bars legal chalenges brought hy victims more than 30 years after the fact. However, French law excludes crimes against humanity from having any

Mr. Tremolet also said he intended to invoke the "Schindler de fense" by comparing his client to Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist and Nazi party member who saved 1,100 Jews from death camps. Mr. Schindler's story forms the basis for a recent film.



PARIS BURNING - One car went up in flames and others were overturned Thursday during a protest in Paris by students and trade unionists over a government plan to promote hiring by allowing wages below the legal minimum for entry-level jobs. Several hundred of the 35,000 protesters stoned police officers. There were 200 arrests in Paris and eight at a protest in Bastia, Corsica.

Draftee Deficit Threatens Spanish Army

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service MADRID — After one out of three men of draft age claimed to be conscientious objectors last year, Spain has suddenly realized it may soon be unable to fill the ranks of its army. The statistics are compelling. The number of 18-year-olds giving reasons of conscience for avoiding military service rose from 6,407 in 1986 to 13,130 in 1989 to 68,202 in 1993. And the estimate for this year is around 100,000, which represents almost half those eligible for

The Movement for Conscientious Objection is already cheering, saying that anti-militarism is on the rise in Spain. "We have been cam-paigning for over five years and our message is finally taking hold among young people," said Juan Gomez, one of the movement's organizers.

even the main - reason for the phenomenon. Because those claiming to be conscientious objectors need only give an ideological, political, religious or ethical motive for their position when they register, this has now also become the fashionable way of draft-dodging.

The Defense Ministry warned that the combination of the growing oumber of objectors and the sharp drop in Spain's birthrate since the late 1970s meant it may have trouble covering the minimal needs of the armed forces by the

Like other Western countries, Spain has been shrinking its armed forces since the end of the Cold War. But even with its troop strength due to be cut from 227,000 in 1990 to 180,000 by the end of the century, unless the present trend is reversed, it may not find the necessary 100,000

draftees per year.

Conscientions objectors should be called before a special tribunal to demonstrate they have reasons of principle rather than just convenience for oot serving their country. And those who fail this test should either be drafted or face the prospect of a spell in prison.

For the Justice Ministry, however, the 1978 constitution impedes any change in the rules. Further, only 19 years after the end of General Francisco Franco's army-backed dictatorship and just 13 years after the last military optising, it believes that Spain is oot ready to take the army's side in the dispute.

Rather, the Justice Ministry argues that the number of objectors has jumped because the system of requiring them to carry out an alternative social service has virtually collapsed un-der the avalanche of demand. There is a back-

log of 115,000 objectors who have not been

The Defense Ministry proposed a solution. found jobs in the public sector.

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By Keith B. Richburg Washington Past Service

MAELA, Kenya - Anna Wambui remembers well the day in October when the raiders struck. They came from across the hills

surrounding Enosupukia, 500 warriors in all, dressed in the traditional red wrap of the Masai and brandishing spears, panga knives, sharpened sticks, even guns. She was able to flee into the bush — the Masai never kill women - but when she returned to her farm a few days later, ber belongings were being carted away and some of her neighbors had been killed. Alex Njau also survived the at-

tack. He is a school teacher who had lived in Enosupukia for 20 years, growing corn and potatoes on land he bought from a Masai. He remembers a time when Kikuyu and Masai lived together peacefully as neighbors, and he has no doubt about who is responsible for this suddeo outhurst of tribal hloodletting. "The president," he J. David Whaley, the United Na-

Miss Wambui and Mr. Njau are among some 30,000 Kenyans, members of the Kikuyu nibe, who were chased out of Enosupukia during several days of bloody tribal clashes in October that left at least 20 people dead. More than four months later, about 9,000 of these refugees are still here in Macla, just over the hill from Enosupukia, living in rented rooms in private homes or makeshift tents and surviving on food from international

relief agencies. On one level, the ethnic clashes that drove the Kikuyu farmers from Enosupukia reflect a broader struggle under way as Kenya's rapidly expanding popolation is plunged into competition for the country's diminishing resources,

particularly its fertile land.
"We underestimated the ten-

sions building up in many parts of Kenya over scarce resources," said



said, "because we did oot vote for tions Development Program representative here. "We're seeing a conflict between the pastoralists and the agriculturalists - and we're

seeing it all over Africa." But many here say that beyond the issue of land scarcity lies another, more insidious motive for the surge in tribal violence that began more than two years ago. Kenyan politicians, particularly members of the ruling clique around President Daniel arap Moi, have been widely accused of instigating the bloodshed as part of a "divide and rule" strategy to keep the country's nascent opposition movement off balance and to preserve their lock on power through the support of small tribes like the Massi and Mr.

Moi's Kalenjin. In December 1991, just as inter-national donors were forcing Mr. Moi to adopt a multiparty political system as the price for continued foreign aid, the president predicted ominously that pluralism in Kenya would lead to tribal violence. His rediction seems to have become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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Most of the Kikuyu refugees interviewed here said they would like to return one day to the land in Enosupukia that they claim is le-gally theirs. But they also said they were afraid to return without adequate government safeguards for their security. The Masai warriors see Enosupukia's land as part of their people's traditional grazing area for cattle and goat herds, and

unwelcome settlers. The fighting around Enosupukia was just the latest development in a process that has already driven 300,000 Kikuyu off their land, mostly in the Rift Valley area and western provinces. More than 1,000 people are believed to have died in the clashes that first began in late 1991, just as Mr. Moi made his prophecy.

they view the Kikuyu farmers as

A report last year by the human rights group Africa Watch directly blamed the government for the tribal clashes, calling the attacks "organized and systematic" and concluding that "the conflict has been deliberately manipulated and instigated by President Moi and his inner circle." The report said the government has been slow to punish attackers and resettle victims.
"If action is not swiftly taken," it added. "there is a real danger that Kenya could descend into civil

Britain Robs Hong Kong, Beijing Says

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING — The British authorities in Hong Kong are en-gaged in "modern" rohbery that will impose a huge finan-cial burden on the territory ooce it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, a senior Chinese offi-

Li Ruihuan, a member of the seven-member standing committee of the Communis Party Politburo, said Wednesday that the British colonial administration had raised the costs of Hong Kong's new airport project to a level "rarely seen in the world," the Xinhua news agency reported.

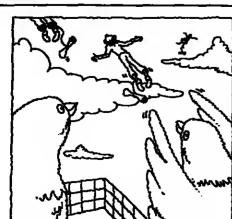
The cost increases violate a Chinese-British memorandum of understanding on the project signed in 1991 and would mpose a huge burden on post-1997 Hong Kong, Mr. Li said,

Mr. Li's comments came despite the Hong Kong government's announcement March 2 that it would leave behind fiscal reserves of 120 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$15.5 bil-lion) in 1997, nearly five times the amount promised in the 1991 memorandum.



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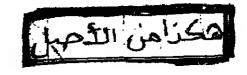
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the building early in the morning. the business stage of a promote the dates stage of promote the nificantly to President Richard Nixon's resignation in disgrace. But 14 years later, special committees investigating the Iran-contra affair stumbled into a legal d the city dealers in a pricture the Mr. Cherepacy is the first about the are attack. The first Table new ages. snare that led to reversal of crimiin June 1907 but an fell on a a the region years and fell on a supporters of Mr. the replace work outside the critical large and are supported to the critic nal convictions of the person found to have run the illicit arms operations. That person was Oliver L. North, then a White House national security aide who is now a candi-2 and Condemns date to join the crowd that tried to

exile him from public life. Four years after that, several days of hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee to explore Anita Hill's charges of sexual harassment against a Supreme Court nominee, Clarence Thomas, resulted in putting Justice Thomas onto the court and making the committee into a parody of the "Saturday Night Live" comedy show.

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partisan dispote in Congress over

whether to hold hearings on Presi-

sent Bill Clinton's role in the

Whitewater affair lies a rich - and

strikingly inconclusive -history of

congressional efforts to find truth,

justice and political profit in front

In 1973, the Senate Watergate

Committee struck a vein of incrimi-

nating evidence leading straight to

the Oval Office, contributing sig-

of television cameras.

WASHINGTON - Behind the

The only enduring truth about congressional bearings may be that even Congress cannot repeal the law of unintended consequences. As often as not, hearings go down

uncharted paths, producing high drama and low comedy.

But the risks do not stop Democrats or Republicans - depending oo who is in power in Congress and out of power at the White House from demanding hearings to probe chinks in the other party's political

In the Whitewater matter, the clamor for hearings brought the special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., to Capitol Hill last week to suggest that congressional inquiries, such as the scheduled March 24 House Banking Committee hearing that Republicans intend to use as a forum oo Whitewater, would interfere with his ongoing criminal in-

officials in the Whitewater affair,

WASHINGTON - The departing White House

viewing contacts between White House and Treasury

"I've responded to every question they put to me,"
Mr. Nussbaum said as he left the courthouse.

The counsel, whose resignation is effective April 5,

said he was certain that he and everyone in his office acted legally and ethically. He said he did not claim

executive privilege in his questioning by the grand

Mr. Nussbaum resigned his White House position

He will remain at the White House until April 5,

on March 5 amid a number of missteps related to the

four hours Thursday before a federal grand jury re- over the counsel's office.

Senate, who has been stoking the Whitewater fires daily, responds to Democratic criticism of his tactics by noting that Democrats staged at least 20 hearings on alleged execu-

Since 1792, a Mixed Bag of Capitol Sideshows

uve-branch wrongdoing while Re-publicans held the White House from 1981 to 1993. The list, compiled by the Congressional Research Service, included everything from Iran-contra to an ambassador's gift fund. Often, as Democrats are discov-

ering to their dismay, the demand for hearings serves a political purpose, regardless of whether hearings result. In the Whitewater matter, Mr. Clinton gets bruised, and

Grand Jury Hears Departing Counsel

counsel, Bernard W. Nussbanm, testified for about Mr. Clinton earlier this month to temporarily take

the minority Republicans in the double standard for hearings on particular incidents. Democratic and Republican presi-

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"Republicans have succeeded in placing a little cloud of doubt over the whole thing," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of

Senator John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, said, "There's no question they're stir-ring it up for political gain."

In a tradition that Congressional Ouarterly traced back to 1792 - an inquiry into why troops led by General Arthur St. Clair were routed by Indians on the Ohio frontier - Congress occasionally creates

devoting most of his time to turning over his responsi-bilities to Lloyd N. Cutler. Mr. Cutler was named by

A week ago, three other White House officials appeared before the grand jury in the federal court-

house here. They were Margaret Williams, chief of staff to Hillary Rodham Clinton; Mark Gearan, the

White House communications director, and Lisa Ca-

The three were among 10 officials subpoensed by

the Whitewater special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., to testify about their involvement in a series of discus-

sions at the White House dating from last fall. The discussions involved the status of an investigation into

a failed Arkansas savings and loan at the center of the

puto, press secretary to Mrs. Clinton.

Bob Doie of Kansas, leader of Democrats appear to be invoking a special committees to investigate Such congressional hearings can

turn into a blood sport when the political stakes get high enough, which seems to have happened in the case of the Whitewater. While Mr. Dolc talks increasing-

ly of the "lessons of Watergate" and refers to things like "something unscemly lurking in the Whitewater bog," no one goes so far as to suggest that Whitewater is another Watergate in the making. But Congress's difficulties with

Whitewater are linked directly to the Iran-contra investigation. An appellate court threw out the con-victions of Mr. North and John M. Poindexter, saying their rights were violated by the use of testimony they had given to Congress under a grant of immunity.

With Republicans having scored an early round in Whitewater by forcing Mr. Clinton to support the appointment of a special Justice Department prosecutor, Democrats argue that congressional hearings, especially if immunity was granted to assure full disclosure, could jeopardize any convictions stemming from Mr. Fiske's inquiry.

Under these circumstances, Republicans run the risk of looking as if they are trying to have it both ways, while Democrats are in danger of looking as if they are grasp-ing at legal straws to avoid public bearings.

As a result, both parties are



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Mr. Nussbaum leaving the courthouse Thursday after testifying.

A Canadian Is Guilty in Somali Death

Washington Post Service TORONTO - A Canadian soldier was found guilty of man-slaughter and torture on Thursday in the beating death of a Somali

teenager a year ago. The incident occurred while the soldier was serving with Canadian peacekeeping forces in Somalia. Private Elvin Kyle Brown, 25, a

member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, was the first of six paratroopers to face a court-martial for the incident at the Canadian comnound in Belet Huen, Somalia. Graphic courtroom testimony

over the last six weeks has told more than a sordid tale of soldiers gone amok. It has dealt a blow to Canada's

image as the postwar era's pre-eminent ioternational peacekeeper, and to Canadians' self-image as a people naturally adept at mediat-ing and stabilizing foreign con-flicts.

The deaths of the teenager, Shidane Abukar Arone, 16, and, in separate incidents, of three other Somalis by Canadians last year have added special gravity to a broader debate here about Canada's foreign policy and military

And its once axiomatic commitment to United Nations and other peacekeeping missions is under its

Whitewater affair.

A Vote to Limit Prescription Drug Prices

WASHINGTON - A congressional subcommittee voted to impose a kind of price control on prescription drugs, as part of a bill that would provide all Americans with insurance covering the cost of Under the proposal approved by the House Ways and Means

subcommittee on health, the government would review prescription drug prices and could deny Medicare coverage for drugs whose prices were deemed excessive. The voice vote Wednesday came amid debate over a bill to provide

all Americans with insurance for a standard package of health benefits including prescription drugs. The bill was offered by Representative Fortney H. (Pete) Stark Jr., the California Democrat who heads the subcommittee, as an alternative to President Bill Clinton's health plan. But Mr. Stark shares the president's goal of universal health insurance coverage at affordable prices. The subcommittee also voted to guarantee coverage of a wide

variety of mental health services, Mental health benefits guaranteed under the bill would be more extensive than those now provided under Medicare and some private insurance plans. Any of the actions taken on Wednesday may be revised by the full

Ways and Means Committee, other committees, the full House or the Senate.

'Pillow Talk' Remark Draws a Rebuke

WASHINGTON -- During the committee debate on drug prices, tempers rose when Mr. Stark asserted that a Republican congressman had obtained her knowledge of health care through "pillow talk" with her husband, a Connecticut doctor.

Mr. Stark made the comment about Representative Nancy L. Johnson, a Connecticut Republican, who had criticized his proposals as an "extraordinary expansion" of federal authority and warned that government officials might substitute their judgment for that of doctors who wanted to prescribe certain drugs for their patients.

After Representative Jim McDermott, Democrat of Washington

who is a doctor, challenged her arguments, Mr. Stark said: ¹²The gentle lady got her medical degree through pillow talk, and the gentleman from Washington got his medical degree by going to

Mrs. Johnson, a Radeliffe College graduate who has been in Congress since 1983, spoke up immediately. "My husband is a physician," she said: "He takes enormous responsibility for life and death issues day in and day out, working a lot harder than we do. He keeps his business entirely to himself, and it is no part of our private lives because he respects his patients. "I get my knowledge of the medical system from endless hours as a representative in this Congress, in hospitals and physicians' offices,

talking with patients." About 45 minutes later, Mr. Stark said, "The chair would like to

begin by apologizing to Mrs. Johnson for personal characterizations that were not in order."

(NYT)

Goldwater on Whitewater: Turn It Off

PARADISE VALLEY, Arizona - Washington should kill the clamor over Whitewater and let President Clinton do his job, said Barry Goldwater, the former Republican senator from Arizona.

"I want to urge my Republican friends in Washington, and those Democrats who are participating to get off his back and let him be president," Mr. Goldwater said at his home near Phoenix.

president," Mr. Goldwater said at his nome near Phoenix.

Asked whether he had talked to Mr. Clinton, Mr. Goldwater replied, "I didn't call the White House. I don't even have the oumber.

"I just think it's time to let the president be president and stop nitpicking on a thing called Whitewater or White River. They tell me it's a good fishing place. That's about the only thing good I've heard

Mr. Goldwater, the 1964 Republican presidential nominee, retired from the Senate in 1987.

Quote/Unquote

President Clinton in a public service advertisement that urges Americans to do more to fight violent crime: "As a parent, I want this violence to stop. As your president, I'm committed to ending it.
We must give our children back their childhood."

(AP)

Away From Politics

• Holt, Rinehart & Winston Inc. has decided to pull its 700-page high school health text out of the Texas market rather than make hundreds of revisions demanded by state officials after the book drew criticism from anti-abortion and other groups upset by its discussion of condom use, homosexuality and other sexual issues. The publisher said it made the decision because the revisions were economically unfeasible and because ethical issues were at stake.

• Four men who hid on a cargo ship from Fiji died after jumping overboard into the icy waters of Puget Sound near Seattle, officials

• Despite the fact that people in the Northeast spent much of the winter shoveling snow, it was a relatively dry and mild time for most Americans. As a whole, the United States was just three-tenths of a degree cooler than normal in December, January and February although it was among the 10 coldest ever in five Northern states. • Five astronauts aboard the sinutile Columbia shut off some science wrive assiromatis amount the samuel comments and on some science experiments and conducted final work on others before packing for the trip home. If Columbia touches down as scheduled at 8:09 A.M. at Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Friday, it will be the second-

longest shuttle flight — 13 days, 23 hours and 16 minutes. If the weather forces even an extra 1½-hour lap around the world, the crew will set an endurance record. The weather forecast is good. • An over-the counter Chinese herbal remedy has been linked to acute hepatitis. Jin Bu Huan is associated with at least three cases in Southern California and one in Denver, said Dr. Graham M. Woolf, assistant director of hepatology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. The herbal remedy is widely sold and may be linked to hepatitis cases nationwide, Dr. Woolf said.

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U.S. Sees Narrowing Of Options On Korea

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - U.S. officials are concerned about the shortage of options available should the Clinton administration decide that it must take action in the face of North Korea's refusal to allow full inspection of its nuclear installa-The preferred American option

is to persuade the UN Security Council to impose economic sanctions against North Korea, But the three Asian countries

with the largest stake in the issue -China, Japan and South Korea — have indicated varying degrees of resistance to economic sanctions. All prefer to deal with North Korea diplomatically, but the United States is concerned that the time for diplomacy may be running out.

Winston Lord, assistant secre-tary of state for Asian affairs, told Congress on Thursday that North Korca had not fulfilled a commitment to allow the completion of nuclear inspections and exchange special envoys with South Korea. Mr. Lord said there was now no

basis for holding scheduled high-level talks with North Korea in Geneva on Monday, but he said U.S. officials still hoped for a reversal of course by the Communist government by then.

He said no country, including the United States, wanted to im-pose sanctions against North Ko-rea, but he said the desire to ensure a nuclear-free Korea was strong in both Japan and China.

"We expect them to join us in whatever is required to advance the goal of nonproliferation," he said. The CIA director, R. James

Woolsey, declined Thursday to dis-cuss U.S. options for dealing with North Korea, but he said the intelligence community believed "they have reprocessed enough plutonium to have available enough for at least one nuclear weapon.

was not only North Korea's nuclear potential but its role as a weapons supplier and promoter of terrorism that causes concern.

In Geneva, Han Chang On, the North Korean deputy ambassador to the UN European headquarters, said, "The present attitude of the United States and International Atomic Energy Agency could pre-vent a complete solotion of the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula if they continue actions like this." "It will cause very complicated

problems and create an unexpected situation," he added. The latest setback occurred with North Korea's refusal to grant seven inspectors from the Internation-

al Atomic Energy Agency access to a laboratory suspected of being used to extract plutonium, a key component of nuclear weapons. result of the North Korean action,

it was unable to verify that there had been no diversion of nuclear material at the facility. The agency will give a final determination of the inspection process on Monday, when its board of governors meets. rebutted and cross-examined and (AP. Reuters)

More California Spans Face Quake Retrofitting

Los Angeles Times Service SACRAMENTO, California -California officials have determined that seismic strengthening will be needed on 1,000 more road

That would double the scope of a Ir., Republican of Virginia, adretrofitting program and increase costs by \$1 billion.

At D-Day Staging Grounds, Preparations Anew

By John Darnton New York Times Service

WEYMOUTH, England - The memories of those days 50 years ago when three and a half millioo troops turned southern England into one huge army camp have faded a bit, like the snapshots that hleach into a pale brown over

But once they get going and pull ont the pictures as stepping stones to the past, those who are old enough to remember revel in talking about D-day and the arrival of thousands upon thousands of American soldiers.

Now, as June 6 approaches, the English wait for the Yanks to return. Nobody knows how many to expect for the 50th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Europe in World War II. The Southern Tourist Board, while ac-knowledging that commemorative events in France are likely to draw many more, is hoping for as many as 30,000. The tourist board calculates that American and Canadi-

an visitors will spend more than \$3 million during their stay, roughly one-third of what the D-day celebrations are expected to bring in between April and October, Altogether, about 350,000 additional visitors are predicted in that period, including British day-trippers for June 4 or 5. The commemoration will sur the recollections of friendships and romance, wartime rationing and rivalry and being young and part of preparations for history's great

Operation Overlord was the largest amphibious attack ever mounted, sending 185,000 men and 19,000 vehicles to Normandy by sea and another 19,000 by air in the first two days alooe. "The days were exciting," said Betty Hockney of Bournemouth, who now has a halo of hlondish white hair

and is outfitted in a sweatshirt emhlazoned with "397th

As part of a troupe called the Nonstops, she drew wolf whistles on more than 1,000 nights entertaining troops throughout the Southern Command. "I was the naughty one doing the cancan," she said. Of all her recollections, one stands out: a show for fliers

in a muddy tent by the runway at Hurn Airfield just as Dday was beginning, shortly after midnight.

"Of course no one knew the actual day but we knew something was up," she recalled. "The planes were coming and going and the tension just filled the air, That night we sang 'The Anthem' and 'The Star Spangled Banner' and, you know, those boys, they rose up and just took it away. We stood there with tears as they sang their hearts ont."

"I've often wondered how many were shot down that night."

Preparing for the invasion, about 1.5 million Americans joined troops from a dozen other countries. They virtually took over Dorset and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Relations were not always smooth. American soldiers went after British women, incurring resentment that is forever summed up by the anonymous wartime British complaint about Americans as being "overpaid, oversexed and over here.

"We hated the Americans," said Maurice Curtis, who was 14 that summer in Weymouth. "They had everything. They got all the girls."

By contrast, his wife, Betty, 15 at the time, summons up memories of generosity. One day she and her best friend, Rosemary, went for a quick dip in the sea and when they came out onto the beach they were suddenly surrounded by American soldiers.

"There were about 10 of them," she recalled. "They seemed so tall. We started talking and these two chaps, they asked us if we had any tinned fruit, We said no, and the next day they came over with a basketful."

No Happy Landings for Kohl on Normandy Side

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN — What to do about the Germans has emerged as a hitch in plans for the 50th anniversary of the World War II allied landings in Normandy in June, when President Bill Clinton, President François Mitterrand and Queen Elizabeth II will be among 15 heads of state and

government in attendance.
Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany will not be there, shut out as he was 10 years ago from the 40th anniversary. Some diplomats say he would like to have been included this time to show the enduring nature of postwar reconciliation between Germany and its wartime enemies after the defeat of the Nazis. He is also running for re-election in

October, against heavy odds. French diplomatic attempts to explain the chancellor's exclusion to the German press have only made things worse, creating a momentary strain in the French-German partnership that is at the core of the European Union.

On Thursday, in a move reminiscent of a less friendly era, the German Foreign Ministry called the French ambassador to Bonn, François Scheer, on the carpet for telling German newspaper reporters earlier this week that Normandy was not so much a problem between Germany and France as a symbol of unease in the smaller countries of Europe about the assertiveness of reunified Germany.

Mr. Kohl, who was 15 when American troops liberated

his part of the Rhineland in 1945, made no secret of his

feels wounded pride, he is publicly denying it.
In an interview last week, he said that he was neither

surprised nor offended that he had not been invited.
"I find it quite understandable that the Americans, the
French, the British, and the Canadians would want to pay
tribute to their hundreds of thousands of soldiers who fell during the war, and that is oot an occasion at which it

would be appropriate for me to participate," he said.

But in private with Mr. Mitterrand and other European leaders, diplomats say, he has argued for a gesture by the allies to show that Hitler and the Nazis, not the German nation for all eternity, were their enemies in 1944. Diplomats said that Britain and France preferred to make any such gesture on the 50th anniversary of the Nazi defeat in May of next year, when the Germans will organize the

On Wednesday, Jean-Marie Girault, the mayor of the Norman city of Caen, took the question into his own hands. He had no authority, he told French television, to invite Mr. Kohl to come on June 6. But he could extend an invitation to the German ambassador, Jürgen Sudhoff, to a ceremony at Caen's peace memorial, he said, telling Mr. Sudhoff that as far as he was concerned it would be all right if his boss came, too.

Jacques Baumel, a ranking member of the French National Assembly's defense committee, retorted: "If the

desire to attend the 40th anniversary celebrations in 1984.

This time around, be has been far more discrect, and if be feels wounded pride, he is publicly denying it.

mayor wants to have Mr. Kohl to dinner, that's his problem, but the problem is that Germany should not be officially present on the landing beaches since the allies were landing against Mr. Kohl's grandparents."

Mr. Scheer's attempt to explain the French perspective in a session with German reporters, on condition that they not quote him by name, backfired. A German television station reported Wednesday night that Mr. Scheer had been summoned to the Foreign Ministry to explain what "French sources in Bonn" had been quoted as saying in the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper.

President Mitterrand, the newspaper quoted "Frenchmen in Bonn" as saying, had explained Normandy to Mr. Kohl some time ago: "The problem is one between Germany and Europe, between Germany and its past; this is against the background of 10 centuries of European histo-

"Only France and Germany together can banish all these ghosts," the newspaper quoted its French source as "Cooperation between France and Germany is the

foundation of all progress in Europe — only France and Germany can build the Europe of the next century," he said, but added that Germans seemed increasingly inclined to go their own way.

"The new position of Germany is difficult to accept, and oot just for the French," he said.

East one muclear weapon." Mr. Woolsey said on NBC that it responds to the control of the control

ways — beating opponents with fire tongs, sleeping through the 1812 resolution declaring war on Britain and, in one early instance, of Nancy L. Johnson, Republican but in recent decades, stirring polit-ical debate has not been one of "It does." ical debate has not been one of

Under normal House rules, members are restricted to brief remarks of no more than a few minntes duration. Ao exhaustive commercial and is almost never as entertaining.
So in a bid to raise the intellectu-

al bar for oratory, four Republi-The agency concluded that as a cans and four Democrats commandecred the House chamber on Wednesday night with the stated purpose of showing their fellow members what a classic Oxfordstyle debate looks like. For two hours, they argued and

> interrupted each other over the to Mr. Thomas.) proposition, "Resolved: The Clinton health care plan best represents the elements that should be included in health care reform." It began in a tepid enough fashion, with the customary flowery

off.

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Members of
the House of Representatives in many
made their pointers pointers in many
the responsibility of the Republican whip, retorted to
Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri,
made their pointers pointers may be a majority leader.

undressing on the House floor - of Connecticut, that it was, too, "It does not."

> "It does." "It does not." (Mr. Waxman to Republicans, and vice versa.)

"The gentleman is hiding behind speech lasts nearly as long as a beer corn pone vernacular." (Fortney H. (Pete) Stark Jr., Democrat of California, to the deeply drawling Mr. Rlilev.) And later: "I'd like to take an

hour on the floor and discuss that with you." (William M. Thomas, Republican of California, rhetorically rolling up his sleeves.) "You could probably take an bour on the floor and explain that

your plan does nothing." (Mr.

Stark, doubling his oratorical fist,

U.K. Leader to Visit Sarajevo Agence France-Presse

LONDON - Prime Minister references to "the gentleman" and John Major of Britain is to visit the "the gentlelady." But slowly, the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, on Frities unknotted and the coats came day to meet the British general commanding UN forces in Bosnia-And then: "Henry, you know herzegovina, a spokesman said better than that," Thomas J. Bliley Thursday. Mr. Major will meet Sir Michael Rose in Sarajevo. He will monished Henry A. Waxman, also travel to the central Bosnian town of Vitez.

There was also a spirited discussion of President Bill Clinton's facts, with the object of backing bealth plan. Unfortunately, much one's opponent into an intellectual art. But as debates go, he said, it of it was inaudible because speak- corner. ers for both sides were shouting over each other's remarks.

Oxford-style debate," in the manner of the English university, the truth is somewhat plainer. Real Ox-ford debates employ large doses of versity of Rhode Island professor, and spread to general debate on the House floor, Mr. Gephardt versity of Rhode Island professor, said.

Perhaps predictably, experi-enced debaters gave the perfor-Although leaders called it an mance low marks.

was "mud wrestling.

The House will hold two more debates, in April and May. The hope is that the notion of rhetorical battles will "infect" other lawmak-

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Herald International Eribune. The United States and China Are on a Collision Course

Migrant Words That Fit

The eminences grises of the French cultural elite are in a lather once again, resurrecting the venerable bete coore of the linguistic mesalliance of foreign patois with their precious mother tongue. Sans doute it's a case of dejà vu. These cris de coeur seem to occur every few years; successive generations of intellec tuals and demagogic politicians throw a grand mal fit at the inevitable incursions of Americanized English into their daily lives.

The term "Franglais" was coined back in the 60s, when the jeunesse dorée fell in love with hamburgers and Nancy Sinatra. It has been at least 30 years since terms like "le camping" and "le parking" first embedded themselves in the vocabulary; it is hardly America's fault if they have served so well that they are now to be

found in every French dictionary.

Maybe it's time this new generation of whiners woke up and smelled the cafe au lait. Perhaps they need reminding that the lexicons of war, belies lettres, politics, haute cuisine and

world turned to Paris for enlightenment

A rendezvous with reality is in order here: the innovations that mark the late 20th century come not from Paris but from Tokyo and New York and Detroit. If 'le databank" and "le hit parade" have become part of the lan-guage used comme d'habitude, it is because the things they signify started somewhere else. Americans don't talk about "fat liver paste" because, for one thing, it sounds stupid, and for another, pâté de foie gras comes from France. Similarly, "prime time" is more exphonious

than the maladmit "heures de grand ecoute." The French savants, of course, are spectacularly blind to their own double standard. Other languages - notably English - have endured for centuries the fate that they now complain about. C'est la guerre.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The IRA Has Replied

The mortar shells fired at London's Heathrow in recent days were, whether by intent or defect, duds that hurt no one, but their political impact was unmistakable and immense. The shots came from the Irish Republican Army, which seeks to drive Britain from majority Protestant Northern Ireland by terrorism, and they shattered any residual hopes that the IRA was tiring of its bloody 25-year struggle. Earlier IRA bombings of London's financial district had struck at an important element in Britain's international status. The latest projectiles, which closed down Gatwick airport as well as Heathrow, expressed an IRA capacity to move from one strategic target to another and to isolate Britain. The IRA strategy of

eroding the popular will is still on.
In December, to test whether the IRA was ready to consider a new approach, the British and Irish governments had launched a joint peace initiative for Northern Ireland. It drew only a propagandistic response from the outlawed IRA's legal pobtical arm, Sinn Fein, which last month sent its leader, Gerry Adams, on a brief American tour. Now the joint British-Irish declaration has also drawn a response from the IRA. One part was the mortaring. The

other part was a weekend statement threatening new terrorist attacks in the absence of further Botish political concessions.

Many British officials and citizens, overlooking the deep let-everybody-speak tradition in America, are still sore that the United States winked at its own rule denying visas to terror-ists and let in Gerry Adams. Britons and others should know, however, that many Americans have sympathy and respect for the way British authorities are handling a terrorist menace far more deep-rooted, pervasive and deadly than

anything that Americans have ever had to bear. Certainly the British have made major mistakes, police and political, in dealing with Northern Ireland. But the December joint British-Irish declaration stands as a principled basis on which Irish unity, based on

sent, could yet be negotiated. An IRA that had a regard for the democratic process would now be putting aside terrorism and embracing the new initiative. Its failure to do so condemns it to isolation and disrepute, and imposes a great but inescapable burden on Irish people as well as British to continue striving for peace.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Appointment at State

Phyllis Oakley would seem to be a shoo-in to run the new bureau that the State Department intends to set up, Congress willing, to deal with refugee, migration and population affairs. A career Foreign Service officer who emerged with flying colors from a stint in the spokesman's office and another as deputy head of intelligence and research, she currently is acting chief of the department's refugee programs. As a woman, as a diplomat who worked her way up a hard ladder and as a respected professional, Mrs. Oakley ought to be an easy choice for an administration bent on cultivating diversity and recognizing quali-ty bureaucratic service. But this is the Clinton administration. You will not be surprised to learn that at least one other candidate is being considered at the White House.

"STOT TRCKEL LOLET iii. Known as a former assistant secretary of agriculture and consumerist and also as the sister of Jim Guy Tucker, governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Foreman

arrives with credentials and references. The refugee, migration and population job, however, appears to be one of several for which she might be considered. Mrs. Oakley is not only well qualified but in a position to land running. The administration is already being pressed hard to account for the slow pace as well as the over-clubby friend-of-the-familyism of many of its appointments. Why in this important job would it want to reinforce either one of those lines of criticism?

The clock ticks. Rising global instability is moving refugees and migrants increasingly toward the center of official American concern. The United States cannot afford to lag in preparing its positions for the major United Nations conference on population and development opening in Cairo in September. The person in the job as quickly as possible. We think it's Mrs. Oakley.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Biased Death Penalty

The numbers are amazing, even for those familiar with the racial discrimination that plagues the death penalty in America. Nine out of 10 times when the Justice Department has sought the death penalty under the 1988 federal "drug kingpin" law, the defendant was black or Hispanic. Don Edwards, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, whose staff collected the statistica, understandably asks why.

ft is a timely question as the committee considers how many of the Senate's proposed new capital crimes - there are more than 50 altogether - to recommend for House approval. So far neither the Justice Department oor congressional fans of the death penalty have any answer, which is reason enough to slow down the execution express now barrel-

ing through Congress.
Under the 1988 "drug kingpin" law, the death penalty is available to punish and deter drug-related murders by major narcotics operators and their hirelings. The government has invoked the law against 37 defendants, all but four of whom were African-American or Hispanic. Attorney General Janet Reno approved 10 of the penalties during the past year - all against black defendants.

What makes the lopsided statistics especially odd is that in recent years three-fourths of all federal drug trafficking defendants have been white. Why then do U.S. attorneys single out minorities when they identify defendants they deem worthy of the severest punishment? How can this happen when the federal government, and the Clinton administration in particular, have been so committed to racial justice?

Since 1976, when the Supreme Court authorized the resumption of executions for murder, the states have been notorious for their prosecution patterns, seeking the death penalty more often when the victim was white and the defendant black, almost never against a white whose victim was black.

Again: Why do these patterns exist? The Justice Department needs to explain the workings of its fledgling death penalty apparatus. Meanwhile, the ugly answer must be that the death penalty is, again, governed by bias. Congress, take notice,

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Disabling of a President

Even if the Clintons emerge vindicated, or, as is more likely, technically innocent but foolish, their hopes of enacting an ambitious domestic reform program are gravely damaged. As in the Nixon White House at the time of Watergate, all the energy and effectiveness of the president may be monopolized for months by the struggle for political survival.

A weak president means a weak America, and the West needs America to be strong. President Clinton was promising to be a good, even, in context, a great president (foreign policy apart). He had squared up to issues U.S. politicians had avoided for years: health care, education, guns. He has spoken honestly about race. The destruction of President Clinton would bring joy to zealots of the right. But it would raise the question whether, in this allseeing media age, America is governable at all.

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LONDON — The United States and China are on a collision course. The recent visit to Beijing by Secretary of State Warren Christopher leaves little doubt that the clash of these two titans is unavoidable.

Even if most-favored-nation trading status for China is renewed by President Bill Clinton in June, an adversarial relationship between the United States and China is likely to become a key feature of international

relations in the post-Cold War world. The world order has been in flux since the collapse of the Soviet Union. New nations have taken shape and regional conflicts have erupted, but no overarching rivalry

Gestures Are Needed

WHAT is critical is what happens or doesn't between now and June, when President Clintoo is required to tell Congress whether he favors renewing China's most-favored-nation trading status. A large measure of mutual pragmatism is in order. A few face-saving gestures are occided from both Beijing and Washington.

U.S.-Chinese relations need oot be irretrievably soured. Before he left Beijing, Warren Christopher tried to give his trip an opbeat spin. The Chinese turned over oew informatioo about political prisoners and agreed to procedures for interoational inspection of suspected prison labor sites.

Beijing will have to demonstrate buman rights progress to satisfy the Clinton conditions on most-favored status. But even if it does, both sides oeed to explore ways to disengage the rights issue from trade - without the U.S. abandoning its commitment to human rights.

- Los Angeles Times.

has yet emerged to replace the Soviet-U.S. divide. It now appears that the Chinese-U.S. relationship has all the elements to polarize Asia, and per-haps the world, in the years to come.

Japan will be caught in the mid-die, and the likelihood that it will side with China increases as its own disputes over trade and other issues with Washington intensify.

Like the rest of its partners in the Group of Seven industrial nations as well as its Asian neighbors, Japan does not share the U.S. government's agenda of trying to change China politically. Tokyo fears that such tactics will destabilize the region and and reduce Japanese carnings in the lucrarive China market.

The Chinese-American relationship has been tumultuous since the authorities in China brutally repressed the pro-democracy move-ment five years ago. The two coun-tries are like a couple that separated in 1989, realized that despite ten-sions they needed each other, and tentatively re-engaged, only to learn that their differences were deep and intractable. Now they are trying to decide whether to coexist unhappily or file for a divorce.

The consequences of a split would be far-reaching. A withdrawai of most-favored status by the United States would set the relationship back 20 years. It would bit both the Chinese and the American economies hard, not to mention those of Hong Kong and Taiwan. Job losses

would be in the millions. More importantly, the fallout could not be contained in the trade arena. It would spill over into every facet of the relationship. Beijing would become a rejuctant partner at best. It could make life very difficult for the American agenda in Asia

By David Shambaugh

and the world - particularly with respect to arms control, ouclear proliferation and regional security. The U.S.-Chinese rivalry has several components that run deep. Some have been apparent since 1949; others are more recent.

In a real sense, the Chinese American imbroglio shows that the Cold War is not over. If that era was a struggle between political systems, the contest is still alive and well in

Washington and Beijing.
The Chinese government perceives a systematic American campaign to subvert Communist Party rule in China, thus completing the West's "victory" over communism. Beijing perceives the U.S. harping on human rights to be a rose for such subversion. There are certainly politicians and officials in Washington who provide credence to China's claim.

Washington's other troubles with Beijing are well known: prison labor exports, intellectual property rights, suspected onclear proliferation and chemical weapons exports, destabilizing arms sales, jamming of air-waves, and a range of trade issues. But these irritants mask a deeper less well-known problem. Each side sees the other as a growing security threat. This mutual perception will sustain the future rivalry.

From Washington's perspective, the Chinese military has embarked on a concerted buildup commensu rate with its expanding economic power. From Beijing's perspective, oot only is this force modernization program overdue but it is necessary. given what China sees as a new U.S.

containment strategy.
Numerous Chinese publications and discussions with specialists in China make clear that Beijing believes that the United States is

seeking to expand its influence in the Asia-Pacific region and at the same time contain a growing China through a network of bilateral alliances and defense arrangements, the forward positioning of U.S. forces in the area, and the creation

of a new multilateral mechanism

for regional security.

Washington has yet to grasp the fact that China no longer sees American forces in Asia as conducive to its security; just the oppo-site. Withdrawal of most-favored trade status would cement this perception in Beijing and create a fissure between the two nations that would be difficult to mend. A break would reverberate negatively against all concerned

America and China must step back from the brink and foster a more constructive relationship, even if it does contain a large element of

to influence peaceful evolution in China, engagement will have greater effect than punishment. Washington should heed the Chinese aphorism that warns against lifting a stone only to drop it on one's foot."

Accepting China as a great power will be one of the greatest tasks facing the international community in this decade. Newly emergent powers are always disruptive to the established order. The task is to minimize the disruption and provide incentives for the new power to be a force for stability and progress. With China, the stakes are large.

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Don't Link Trade With Human Rights

A RIFT between the United States and China would have adverse implications for stability in the Asia-Pacific. It is bound to affect U.S. policy in the region, especially if America sees little prospect of its differences with China being resolved satisfactorily. Mr. Christopher's visit to Beijing was ill-timed, as it coincided with the annual session of the National People's Congress, which is an occasion

when restrictions are usually placed on the movement of dissidents. Washington is pressing the buman rights issue at a time when fear of instability has grown in China as it attempts a delicate transition from a moribund socialist system to a modern market economy while facing high inflation, rampant corruption and widening social disparities.

Beijing probably also fears that yielding ground on human rights would put it on a slippery slope, encouraging Washington to seek more political concessions in line with its foreign policy objectives of promoting democracy around the world. Such concerns would suggest that the U.S. pressure on

China will not succeed, just as it has not worked in the past.

It is wrong to link trade with extraneous issues. The United States is understandably concerned about its growing trade deficit with China, which exceeded \$20 billion last year and continues to grow. But if it wants to improve its export position, it should do so by focusing on matters that are directly relevant, such as greater access to the Chinese market. Clearly. China cannot be rushed on human rights. — The Straits Times (Singapore).

Settle This Wrangle and Get On With the Integration of Europe

PARIS — The European Union, living dangerously as is its way. has wrestled itself into another box. The trouble is on the old issue of deepening versus widening," more integration or more members, ostensibly settled several years ago but

regularly popping up again.
This time the wrangle bas attracted little ootice. But the Europe that will emerge after new candidates are absorbed, and its capacity to act on the world, are at stake. The will to solidify exists, embodied in the Maastricht treaty, but so does resistance, the insistence on preserving national power.

The current impasse is over voting rules. The existing 12-nation commu-

pressure on Athens, so be it.

mands on several issues.

Dry, recom

N EW YORK — The Western alliance, led by the United States, needs to help Mac-

edonia at a moment when Greece is needlessly

fueling another Balkan crisis. If that, regretta-

Greece closed its border on Feb. 16, blocking

access to the port of Salonika, landlocked Mac

edonia's main gateway to the outside world. This move was intended to destabilize Macedonia's

precarious economy. It could topple the govern-

ment unless Macedonia gives in to Greece's de-

To counter rising irritation in Europe, Athens

let some fuel enter by rail last week. Otherwise, the borders remain closed, endangering Macedo-

ma's ability to ship its most important export, early-season vegetables, to Western Europe.

But it is in Greece's interest to foster a prosper-

ous, democratic, multiethnie oeighbor to its

The existence of Macedonia, the only multi-

ethnic state in the Balkans that is not war-torn,

depends on its ability to satisfy its nationalities:

a sizable Albanian minority, Turks, Vlachs, Serbs, Gypsies and others. But the three-party

coalition faces strong opposition from national-ist extremists. Macedonian extremists want the

Albanians to have limited power; radical Albani-

MANILA — The race to avoid a collision between population growth and rice production in Asia goes on, amid worrying signs that

gains of the recent past may be lost

In the past quarter-century, popu-

lations of countries where rice is a

staple food grain have increased by

an average of 70 percent, but this

increase was matched by higher

yields, thanks to the spread of oew rice technology. Global rice produc-tion doubled, world rice prices fell by more than 40 percent and per

capita rice consumption rose by an

average of 25 percent.
But while the populations of major

rice-consuming nations continue to swell, growth in rice production has slowed dramatically in the 10 coun-tries that account for 85 percent of

global output. If these trends continue, demand for rice in many parts of

Asia will ontstrip supply within a few years. Changes in diets in some indus-

trializing nations, where people are cating less rice, will not alter this trend.

Alleviation of poverty is an addi-tional force behind the rising demand

for rice, Millions of Asians and Afri-

cans still have rice only once a day, if at all. The need for rice will be an

estimated 70 percent higher in 2025

than it is today. Yields must more than double just to maintain current

consumption levels. They must in-

crease still more if malautrition and poverty in Africa and South Asia are

Yet complacency seems to be grow-

ing. In some places, attention is shift-

ing from raising productivity to pro-tecting natural resources. Donor agencies are allocating more of their limited research funds to projects

that aim to conserve the natural re-

source base. Less money is directed

to projects designed to raise food

over the oext few decades.

north, not to work toward its destruction.

mity uses a weighted system to pre-vent a single state's veto but also to guard against domination by a few large countries. It sets 23 votes as the blocking minority. Two large comtries and one small one can prevent decision by the majority.

As they complete terms for the admission, expected in January, of Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway, members are arguing about how to take those added voices into account. Led by Germany and France, most want to increase the blocking minority to 27 votes, which could be three large countries and two or three small ones. Britain and Spain are opposed, arguing for the present rules, which would increase the power of a smaller minority

By Flora Lewis

Help Macedonia and Pressure Greece if Necessary

By George Soros

ans want parts of Macedonia joined with Albania.

may not survive as an independent country.

And a conflict could draw in all the neighboring

coontries -- rump Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Greece. The last government was defeated main-ly on this issue. The Greeks fear that implicit in

the Macedonian republic's name and constitu-

tion is a claim on the Greek province of Macedo-

nia. Skopje denies this.

The name "Macedonia" arouses powerful

memories that go back partly to the Communist insurrection in Greece after World War II,

sustained by Tito's Yugoslavia. More potently,

they go back to the purbulent period after

World War I, when many Slavic Macedonians

inhabited Greek Macedonia - a period when

Greece asserted the principle that all the inhab-

Large-scale population transfers took place.

The injuries suffered by Slavic Macedonians,

who today form the majority in the republic, gave rise to an irredentist Macedonian national-

ism, which in turn inflames Greek nationalism.

Asian Population Growth Is Overtaking Rice Output

By Mahabub Hossain.

cropping systems, the area under rice

cultivation will decline even faster.

This will intensify pressure to raise

yields to meet the anticipated in-

Irrigated rice accounts for almost 75

percent of the total, Most farmers

plant high-yielding modern varieties,

and output is approaching the ceiling attainable through modern scientific techniques. For the last three decades,

yields in Japan and South Korea have

fluctuated between 6 and 6.5 tons per hectare (2.5 acres). Yields in China, on

the main Indonesian island of Java and in Punjab and Tamil Nadu in

In the tropics, the gap between yields and experimental yield potential is still large because of such natural forces as floods, droughts, heavy

Most of the increase in rice yields

in the favorable environments of the

fertilizer and agrochemicals. What is

needed is a new generation plant type as well as cropping technology that relies less on inputs from off the farm and more on knowledge-based man-agement to maintain the natural re-

agement to maintain the natural resource while raising yields.

Studies show that per capita rice consumption depends largely on income. Rice is a luxury for the world's poorest. They rely more on low-cost foods: coarse grains and

sweet potatoes. When their incomes

rise, their rice consumption goes up. Rice becomes less important only

when incomes increase to a point

where people can alford meat, fish,

bread and vegetables.

last 25 years was achieved by planting genetically improved varieties designed to respond well to chemical

India will soon reach that level.

rainfall and salinity.

crease in demand.

production. Both are needed, in a shift from intensive to less intensive

itants of Greece were Greek.

mutually supporting framework.
Policymakers in less developed

countries are also shifting emphasis.

Many governments are withdrawing subsidies from fertilizers and other agricultural supplies. They are reducing investments in water-resource de-

velopment and agricultural research and extension. They are adopting programs that promote crop diversi-fication at the expense of food pro-

duction. Financing to develop and

maintain the irrigation and dramage systems that helped spread modern strains of rice in the 1960s and 1970s

has fallen dramatically.

Declining real prices on the world market have added to the complacen-

cy about rice production. But world

trade involves a mere 4 percent of global output. International price

trends do not reflect the shaky bal-

ance between overall supply and de-mand. For example, China and India consume 55 percent of world rice supplies. If a series of natural disas-ters forced either country to import

just a small fraction of national de-

rise substantially.

and the Philippines.

mand, international rice prices would

Growth in rice output in the last 30 years has been achieved primarily by increasing yield. But yield gains appear to be flattening. Reversing that

trend will not be easy.

The equation is complicated by a reduction in the area of rice cultivation. Prime rice land is being lost to

industrialization and urbanization in

the faster-growing Asian countries. In the 1980s, the harvested area of rice declined in China, Japan, Burma

If environmental concerns result in

Nationalist passions are running high in

in the larger club.

The Maastricht treaty provides for a general review of the institutions in 1996. But how the issue is resolved now will set an important precedent and influence the shape of the Union that eager East European candidates hope to join a few years later.

As usual, principles, narrow na-tional interests and day-to-day politics are jumbled almost inextricably. France has definitely moved from its old Ganllist position stressing national rights to a push for integration

that will increase common European it may lose support for its subtropical power. Britain is still the main brake, welcoming new members primarily as a way to dilnte the Union's authority and make it more like the free trade area that London organized in the late 1950s in an attempt to break

up the Common Market. But Spain, which always looked to a cohesive Europe as the way to emerge from Franco-era isolation and enhance its influence, seems to have lowered its sights for limited commercial advantage. With the old rules, Spain, Italy and Greece, all Mediterranean countries, could wield a veto voting together. Fearful of an increased northern preponderance as new members join, Spain worries that

This irredentism is propagated by Macedonian

Greece wants Macedonia to recognize the pre-sent borders (it has done so), to delete the refer-

CROSS IN ITS CONSTITUTION to protection of Macedo

nians outside the country, and to remove from its

These are legitimate concerns, but such

flag the star of Vergina, an old Greek emblem.

changes require a two-thirds parliamentary ma-jority the Macedonian government could muster only after a shift in U.S. diplomacy.

Both countries should compromise on the name issue. Then Skopje would be unfettered in

its drive for economic reform, which would stifle

The Chinton administration has not formally

recognized Macedonia and established diplo-matie relations. It should do so right away, and

it should deliver an economic and humanitarian

package and press U.S. allies to follow suit.

edonian policy will fail. But if Athens does not come to its senses, the United States might have

The writer, a Wall Street financier, funds foun-

tion has declined only in high- and middle-income countries, such as Ja-pan, South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand. The income threshold at

which higher-quality, more varied foods are substituted for rice has oot yet been reached for China, India, Indonesia and Bangladesb — which

account for 70 percent of world rice consumption and dominate growth

The writer, head of the Social Sci-

ences Division at the International

dations that support East European democratic leaders and movements. He contributed this com-

in demand for rice.

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rredentist and nationalist extremism.

to put on heavy pressure.

extremists, not by the government.

agriculture products if the blocking vote is changed. Maybe it could rely on Greece to

back its stand on lemons, oranges and olives. But judging by the way Greece has behaved since it entered the community, all the other members can rely on it to cause trouble with its nationalistic Balkan politics. This is a formula for prolonging the impotence that Europe has dis-

played on Yugoslavia. Madrid was understandably annoyed at the outcome of community negotiations with the United States on agriculture in the GATT trade agreement. France made all the noise and got the goodies, and Spain felt let down by its partners in asserting its interests. Now it is trying to make up,

at the risk of undermining its larger. longer-term need for a strong Europe. And this is at a time when the United States has moved from a skittish, knee jerk dislike of consolidating European political and especially defense muscle to a greater appreciation of the weight that Western Enbled eastern stretch of the continent. America has served notice that it will not be the world's omnipresent, ever-ready policeman. It needs a partner capable of decisive action.

At this point, the solid center of the European tug-of-war is Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, not just because his country is the biggest and richest in Europe but because it has had a clear, steady, determined idea of Europe from the start.

"We're oot going to build Europe in a day, but at the end of this century, I expect to live to see the realiza-tion of Adenauer's vision of Germanunification and European unity as two sides of the same coin," Mr. Kohl told a New York Times interviewer this week (IHT, March 16).

His party just took a sharp setback in Lower Saxony elections, and the polls indicate that he may lose his bid to remain chancellor when national

equally pro-European. But it has always been hard to keep that vision of unity moving forward, and the currents are running practically every-where now toward reviving quartel-some nationalisms. It matters that what may appear just a procedural dispute on how the Union functions be settled quickly in favor of a Europe with a will.

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Rice Research Institute based in Los Baños, Philippines, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Nearer the Moon PARIS - According to comments by

the celebrated American optician Alof France, it is not impossible to ob-tain astronomical objectives much larger than any hitherto produced. Today, the largest optical instrument is that at Chicago, which has a diameter of 40in. A benefactor to science might now order one of 50in., which would enable photographs of the moon, as it appears at a distance of 100 kilomètres to be taken. By enlarging these photo-graphs ten times it would be possible to reproduce hunar landscapes as seen ten kilomètres off.

1919: A Serbian Rebuke

ROME -- Principe Livio Borghese recently went to Serbia as Italian Minister. When he reached Belgrade, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in-formed the prince that his credentials could not be accepted, as they were addressed to the King of Serbia in-

stead of "to the King of the Serbs, of the Croatians and of the Slavouians." Principe Borghese thereupon demanded instructions from his Government, and is returning to Italy. It is a matter of common knowledge that neither Italy nor any other of the Allied Governments has yet recognized the "Kingdom of the Serbs, of the Croatians and of the Slavonians," and that, consequently, the contested credentials could not be worded otherwise than they were.

1944: Vienna Is Bombed ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Al-

gers — [From our New York edition:] Vienna was bombed by Allied planes today [March 17] for the first time in the war. Among possible military objectives in Vienna are railway wards occurring Vienna are railway wards occurring Vienna and let yards occupying large areas and ter-minal stations of six important lines connecting Vienna with Germany. Czechoslovakia, the Balkans and Ita-ly. Vienna also has an important har-bor on the river Dannbe.

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Mr. Kohl is in electoral trouble. elections come in October. His major opposition seems to be

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Whitewater: The Law as Bludgeon

Washington - It may turn out, after the bordes of lawyers and investigators have finished their work, that the Clintons will be found to have committed some ghastly crime for which the president will be impeached and his wife will be thrown no the slammer. At the moment, though, there is oo evidence of this, and the whole Whitewater affair provides a grotesque example of how Americans misuse the law.

Although I am no fan of the Clin-

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tons, the purported scandal is so far a political vendetta draped in legal trappings. The trappings are essential, be-

The larger issue is how Americans are debasing the law by applying it to all manner of disputes for which it is ill-suited.

cause it is the mere possibility of wroogdoing that justifies the ongoing media attentioo.

The Democrats' saoctimooious complaints about this would be more credible if they had oot played the "Politics by Other Means," the political scientists Benjamin Ginsberg and Martin Shefter show how inquest and prosecution have become routine political weapons. "What the Republicant and doing to the City teams." cans are doing to the Clintons," says Mr. Shefter, "is what the Democrats did to the Republicans." But the larger issue is how we Amer-

icans are systematically debasing the aw in the name of law. We apply law to all manner of conflicts — political, economic and even sexual — for which it is ill-suited. By its nature, law presumes that the "right" and wrong" of a dispute or crime can be discovered. But in most conflicts there are gradations of right and wrong, and disputes are best resolved by methods that recognize this.

In politics, the usual mechanism is an election. You boot the offending politician out of office," as Mr. Shefter puts it. Voters decide whether, all thiogs considered, they want their tainted politician or not. Good law should codify consensus

- widely shared values and standards of behavior - and provide clarity, People should know what they are expected to obey. By cootrast, today's laws are increasingly expansive and uncertain, because they are used aggressively by political groups, pobcy elites, courts and government agencies to advance their own agendas and impose artificial consensus. We Americans have codified so many aspects of life that wo are gradually turning every bad judgment, indiscretion or even honest mistake into a potential lawsuit or crime.

A few weeks ago, a 38-year-old woman decided to sue a movie theater for
by its overuse. In some areas — say,

"\$1.5 million under the Americans with the environment — taxes and other to immediately seize this opportunity

By Robert J. Samuelson

Disabilities Act because it did not have a seat big enough for her 360 pounds and refused to let her use a folding chair," reports The Washingtoo Post. Maybe the theater manager made a mistake. But should it be a \$1.5 million mistake — or even a \$50,000 mistake for a settlement? Probably Bill and Hil-lary Clinton acted stupidly and consorted with sleazy characters in the Whitewater affair, but are stupidity and sleazy friends really crimes?

The delosioo is that we can somehow solve every conceivable problem and right every possible wrong through law. Lawyers, legal scholars and judges hold themselves out as the means to this ooble end. But the result has been to transform vast areas of the law into a nightmare of complexity and judicial discretion.

Coosider, for example, U.S. environmental laws. They are almost impossi-hle to understand fully, as the attorney James DeLong writes in American Enterprise magazine. The basic laws run hundreds of pages, and these are sup-plemented by thousands of pages of implementing regulations, which are further refined by "policy pronouncements ... guidance documents, judicial opinions, thousands of letters of agency interpretation, verbal advice given over the [agency] hot line . . . and positions taken in civil and criminal

enforcement actions." In surveys, many corporate lawyers admit that their companies may violate environmental laws as a result of uncertainty and complexity. Still, violators are "subject to heavy penalties, fines and even jail," writes Mr. DeLong.

Nor does this sort of uncertainty ap-ply only to corporate behavior. What is "sexual harassment"? No one can really say (courts will spend decades trying), and its elastic meaning can do great damage. In The New York Review of Books, Richard Bernstein of The New York

Times recently recounted the story of J. Dooald Silva, a 58-year-old tenured English professor at the University of New Hampshire. He made a few mildly off-color comments to students. For this, eight women students charged him with "harassment," and after a pseudo-legal proceeding he was sus-pended for a year. He had touched no one, dated no ooe, As ooe female student who testified

for him pot it: "These women who have made these complaints bave gone on to live their own lives, and they haven't been affected by this at all. But they practically ruined a man's life." Naturally, Mr. Silva is suing to overturn the university's decision. The point, of course, is that bad law

intensifies and proloogs conflict - precisely the opposite of what law should do. Law will always be imperfect; but it is being made unnecessarily imperfect

economic iocentives might work better than regulations. If laws are unavoidably ambiguous (and some will be), penalties for breaking them should be relaxed. But all this would require rare qualities of self-restraint and good judgment by legislators,

lawyers, judges and regulators.

The ultimate problem is that the overuse of law subverts the respect for law. People increasingly fear running afoul of it. It is open to more abuse by lawyers and regulators of all stripes, who can exploit it for their own purposes. Because oo ooe ean always know what is legal and what is not, lawyers and clients play a constant game of legal and ethical poker. This process makes some people feel dirty and tempts others to skirt the law.

Either way, their accons may be challenged, and when they are, people typically react self-righteonsly. The respoose is "This can't he illegal" or "How dare you," It is this sort of hehavior that has caused trouble for the Cliotons. Legally, their initial defiance might have been a good tactic; politically, it was a hluoder.

Dependiog oo politics, people will cheer or boo Whitewater. But unless major misdeeds are uncovered, it marks the growing use of law as an instrument of abuse and even tyranoy, oot justice. Often an ass, the law is oow also a pit bull.

The Washington Post.



They're Getting the System To Work for India's Poor

By Binu S. Thomas

BOMBAY — The situation seemed hopeless for Bhagwandas Panchal. Lawyers told Mr. Panchal, a 37-year-old most of whom are illiterate. member of an impoverished tribal group at the bottom of India's social scale, that without a title he did not stand a chance against the property tycoon who was attempting to evict him.

The police had refused to register his complaint when hired toughs destroyed the shed on his plot and took his farm tools. Fearing for his safety, friends ad-

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vised him to take the pittance being of-fered by the politically influential devel-oper and move away, as other tribal people in similar circumstances had done. At stake was a 1.5 acre (0.6 hectare) plot in Kandivili, a Bombay suburh.
"When my father moved here long ago,
this was forest," Mr. Panchal recalled
the other day. "The then landlord gave
us this land, which we cleared and have

been farming ever since,"

Kandivili is today an urban jungle.

Even a modest two-bedroom apartment sells for more than 1 million rupees (\$33,000), a sum far beyond the means of most Indians. Here Mr. Panchal and fellow "tribals" hold sizable tracts of prime real estate on which they grow rice

-GT and Supersport), but will produce

only 140 to 150 vehicles because large

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ers a very negative fact is a "must" for

Bugatti; we need to produce very little,

Bot someone told Mr. Panchal that the Shramjeevi Sanghtana, or Laborers Union, might be able to help him. Its members are trihals and Hindus excluded from India's caste system. They constitute the bottom rung of the social ladder and are much exploited. The union, formed in 1982 by Vivek Pandit and his wife Vidyut, two upper-caste Hindus, has successfully championed cases of injustice on behalf of the poor in rural areas around Bombay, India's

commercial and financial capital.

"Panchal's only advantage was actual possession of the property," recalled Mr. Pandit. "The builder on the other hand bad the law, political patronage and money oo his side." The union planned its strategy careful-

ly. First, it removed the builder's signboard on Mr. Panchal's property. When the anticipated backlash came, Mr. Pan-chal filed a complaint with the police, citing a 1989 law that gave special protection to tribals against violence. When oo police response followed,

Mr. Pandit got friendly lawmakers in Bombay to raise the issue of police inaction in the state legislature. An embarrassed government ordered the arrest of the developer. A series of articles followed in the local and national press, depicting the publicity-shy property ty-coon as an exploiter of the poor. Result: He quickly signed an agreement with Mr. Panchal and a dozen other tribal families permitting them to continue farming for as long as they wished.
"But for the union's help I would have been on the streets," said Mr. Panchal.

In the last decade the union has freed about 1,500 people from bonded labor. It has raised sixfold the minimum wages for laborers in areas where it operates. But the unity and strength of the

union are not, by themselves, enough to effect change. The strategy used by Mr. Pandit and other leaders puts pressure on the system from within by getting the legislature, bureaucracy, judiciary and news media to work for their cause. A research unit in the union feeds

information on poverty issues to selected legislators, and they raise the issues in the national Parliament or the state legislature in Bombay, Several lawyers pro-vide free legal advice. Contacts in the media help keep pressure on authorities. Mr. Pandit's success with the union

has encouraged him to try to extend this program to other parts of India. With help from the Advocacy Institute in Washington, he hopes to establish the country's first organization to train field-level activists in the art of making the system work for the poor.

The writer is a coordinator of AC-TIONAID India, a private development agency. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Appeal to Turkey

Turkey is an important country with an ancient culture. With the indepen-dence of Turkish-speaking former Soviet republics in Central Asia, and because of its involvement in the tragedy of Bos-nia, Turkey appears more than ever to be a bridge between Europe and Asia, between the Orient and the Occident.

But converging reports have reached us of an impending decision from Turk-ish military headquarters to "put a de-finitive end" to the rebellion by the Kurdish Workers Party in the eastern part of the Anatolia region. What this would entail is clear: the total destructioo of the Kurdish area and the death of thousands of innocent civilians. We cannot believe that a state that

aspires to belong to a democratic Europe is on the verge of committing genocide. Turkey has yet to prove convincingly that democracy is not just a facade but a reality. Ankara faces a choice: It may choose to move against its population of more than 10 million Kurds, which is militarily impossible and pobtically suicidal, or it may choose peace. The Kurdish Workers Party long ago

discarded its Marxist-Leninist orienta-tion. Its members are ready for peace, based on a federal solution within the

for peace, and to stop the military which seems determined to take irreparable steps - before it is too late.

If a just and durable peace can be reached, we will be the first to commend the Turks for their courage. If oot, Turks must be prepared to meet the international community, standing squarely in their path.

BERNARD KOUCHNER. Former French Minister of Health and Humanitarian Action. BERNARD DORIN. Ambassador of France.

Turning the Corner Regarding the report "A \$500,000 Dream Car Has Yet to Turn the Corner"

(March 7) by Jacques Neher: Our company has proved itself, in its five years, to be capable of some exceptional things:

Our automobile factory is com-

pletely innovative - from its advanced aboratories for research into pollution reduction, to the comfortable surround-

ings it offers employees; Two sports cars, produced in very limited series, designed, developed and built with sophisticated Bugatti equip-ment, are in the absolute top of the range, having received acclaim from the specialist press throughout the world;

• A new four-door sports sedan de-scribed by journalists as "the most beau-

tiful car in the world" will soon be going A line of exclusive personal accessories — the "Ettore Bugatti Collection"
— has been successfully introduced.

Lastly, in accordance with our strategie development plan, especially in the field of engineering, we purchased Lotus from General Motors last August. Even the question "Who is behind

Bugatti?" has an answer that could hardly be more hanal: Romano Artioli has worked for 40 years with his family to achieve this goal. Mr. Artioli has taken these years to create a sound basis for the relaunch of Bugatti, and subsequently of Lotus,

If Bugatti, during the first year of its

production, in a period that is economically very difficult, produced only 50 to 100 cars, this does not appear to us to be a piece of oews which could throw the car market into turmoil.

Indeed, because our production is limited, many of our sales have been to collectors, to royalty and to customers who did not need or want to register a car. The magazine Automobiles Classi-

ques reported that among specialist auctioneers, the EB110 is considered to be the most collectible car in the world. This explains the discrepancy between the number of vehicles sold and the number of vehicles registered. This year our factory could produce

220 cars (split between the two models

In today's tough climate, every-

only the indispensable minimum, in or-der to pass the break-even point. The oumber of Bugatti cars on order today is 115 EB110s, of which more than half have been delivered; 85 advance orders have been placed for the EBt 12.

Another very important factor will be the arrival on the U.S. market, to take place in the second half of this year. MARIO G. BARBIERL Vice President. Bugatti Antomobili. Campogalliano, Italy.

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Russia Tells U.S. It Wants to Join 'Partnership' Plan

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Peet Service
MOSCOW — Russia plans to
join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partnership for Peace program by the end of this month, Russia's defense minister said Thursday.

The program, which officials say is intended to promote cooperation between the Western European alliance and former members of the Communist Warsaw Pact, has provoked considerable controversy in Moscow. At a parliamentary hearing Thursday, several legislators spoke ont against what they saw as a U.S. effort to extend its dominance into areas of traditional Russian influence.

But Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev, during a meeting with the U.S. defense secretary, William J. Perry, repeated Russia's intention to join the program and, for the first time, set a timetable. Mr. Perry arrived in Moscow on Thursday

"We will be ready by the end of this month to join this concept," General Grachev told reporters af ter the meeting. The Partnership for Peace plan provides for joint exercises, training and cooperation in areas such as military planning. In remarks that alarmed some East European governments, General Grachev added that Russia would soon announce its "basic conditions" for joining the plan. The foreign ministers of Ukraine and the Czech Republic have spo-

ken out against granting "special status" to Russia. But U.S. officials said General Grachev had uot indicated that Russia sought any special conditions. Each country's agreement and plans for cooperation will be somewhat different, the officials said, and General Grachev was simply referring to the complex task of planning cooperation with an army as large as Russia's.

Mr. Perry is in Moscow on the first leg of a four-nation tour of the former Soviet Union, his first as defense secretary. The visit is intended to promote cooperation in the conversion of military industries to civilian uses and the dismantling of ouclear and chemical arsenals, officials said.

The defense secretary is expected to sign an accord Friday allocating \$20 million for military conversion. projects. The money would go to American companies that form partnerships with Russian arms makers to enter the civilian market.

The agreement is aimed particularly at four companies that were

most involved in the production of weapons of mass destruction, offi-cials said, and about 75 others that were tangentially involved. In part, U.S. officials hope to stimulate the production of prefabricated hous-ing that could be used to solve a pressing problem for the Russian military: where to house retired of-ficers as the military reduces its

After signing the agreement, Mr. Perry will fly on to Kazakhstan, where he will visit the spacelaunching complex at Baikonur for talks on denuclearization, space co-operation and conversion. He will then visit Ukraine and Belarus for similar negotiations.

NATO, an alliance that includes the United States, Canada and Western European countries, developed the Partnership for Peace program as a compromise alternative to bringing East European na-tions directly into NATO. Former Soviet satellites like Poland and the Czech Republie are eager to be shielded by the NATO umbrella, but U.S. officials feared that early membership would alienate Rossia.

As a result, Partnership for Peace was developed as a flexible cooperation program that each country will sign separately with NATO.
Former East European nations and former Soviet republics as widely separated as Kazakhstan and the Baltic states already have applied

to join.
Vladimir Lukin, a former Russian ambassador to Washington and now chief of the Foreign Relations Committee in the State Duma, or lower house of parliament, attacked the program in hearings Thursday.

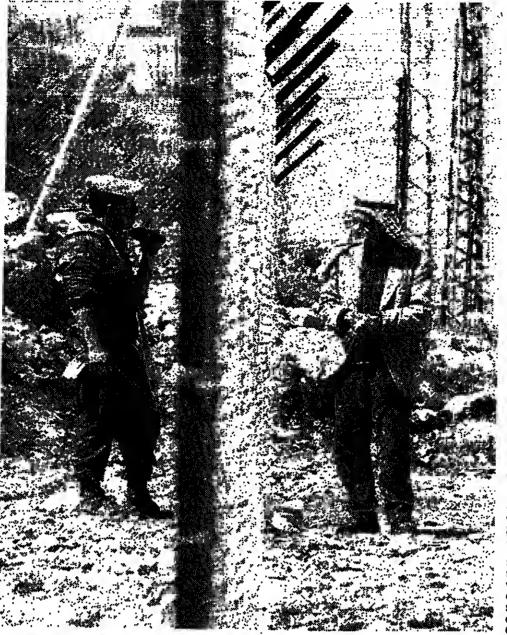
Russia joining this program is like when a rapist, having cornered a girl, gives her a choice: Either she can just give in or he will have her anyway," he said. "It turns out that on top of that, the girl is supposed

East European states such as Poland and Hungary, eager to become full members of NATO, have already joined Partnership for Peace. On Wednesday, Moldova became the 12th country to sign.

Joint Naval Maneuvers

Russia will join the United States and other European countries in joint naval exercises off the Norwegian coast next week, the first time the former Cold War foes will meet for such a venture, Reuters reported from Moscow.

A Russian naval spokesman said the maneuvers would "promote an exchange of naval culture between Russia and the West."



An Israeli soldier questioning an Arab on Thursday, divided by a new fence at a settlement near Hebron. gun. The army had also said previous," he said. "There was a boy who Sharif, or the Noble Sanctuary.

Did Hebron Killer Have Help? 12

Soldiers Say 2d Armed Man Entered Mosque

By David Hoffman

Washington Part Service JERUSALEM — Two Israeli diers who were posted as guards at the Tomh of the Patriarchs on the day of the Hebron massacre raised new questions on Thursday about the weapon used by the militant settler, Baruch Goldstein, and whether be may have had an ac-

The two soldiers also confirmed that one of them had fired into a door from which survivors of the massacre were trying to flee, con-tradicting earlier assertions by senior military commanders that hoth had only shot into the ceiling. The commanders said the soldier did not hit anyone.

It was the first time that the Israeli commissioo investigating the massacre in which 29 Arabs were killed on Feb. 25 had taken taken testimony from the soldiers who were at the scene that morning. Their statements were contraory and inconclusive but appeared to challenge some points of the early accounts given by the Is-

Sergeant Kobi Yosef, who was uarding one of the gates, told the ve-member panel that he saw Dr. Goldstein, a physician from the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba, enter the building where a small group of Jews and several hundred uslims were worshipping.

Mr. Yosef, who serves in the Israeli tank corps but had been detailed to the site, said Dr. Goldstein was carrying an extended version of the American-made M-16 assault rifle. Previously, the army and other witnesses have said that Dr.

scene had also come from his Galil.

An army spokesman said a Galil was obtained by Dr. Goldstein at the scene of the shooting. But both guns use the same ammunition. Dr. Goldstein hrought seven magazines of ammunition with him into the prayer hall before opening fire.

Mr. Yosef said that five minutes after Dr. Goldstein entered, be saw a second person go inside with a

'Are you sure?" he was asked. "Yes," Mr. Yosef replied. "It was a settler whom I didn't know." Mr. Yosef said he knew all the Jewish settlers who prayed there regularly because he had been posted there for four months. An unarmed, third person also entered whom Mr. Yosef described as an army

Niv Drori, a private in the tank corps who was Mr. Yosef's partner at the gate, said that he also saw Dr. Goldstein enter with an M-16, which is a longer weapon than the Galil, and then saw another person enter with the Galil. Asked if he was sure, Mr. Drori replied, "100 percent." However, neither he nor Mr. Yosef described the second person in detail.

A number of Palestinian witnesses and survivors have said that Dr. allowed onto Temple Mount out of Goldstein was helped by a second fear that Jewish extremists might Jewish settler, but the accounts have been contradictory and vague.

When the shooting began, Mr. Drori said, he and Mr. Yosef thought an Arah was shooting, so they shot at the door in order to block it. Mr. Yosef said they be- here," said Adnan Husseini, head lieved they were saving their own

ously that ballistics tests showed was trampeled and killed. They of that the 110 shells found at the course would not pity us. There was a a big mess."

Mr. Yosef acknowledged that hy closing the door, known as the Eastern Gate, he forced the wounded to be evacuated on a longer route through the Main Gate. He said that when Mr. Drori fired at the door, the worshippers "hadn't reached the door yet." He said they

did oot realize until later that a lew had done the shooting inside. Immediately after the massacre, however, Major General Danny Yatom, the chief army commander in the West Bank, asserted that the only shots fired by soldiers were

into the ceiling. Earlier, Lieutenant Rotem Ravivi, the last guard to see Dr. Goldstein before he began shooting, tes-tified that he saw him carrying a Galil. He said he had exchang brief greetings with Dr. Goldstein, who seemed "totally at ease."

A group of paramilitary border police guards who were late arriv-ing at the scene testified that they were awaked just minutes before the shooting and told to go to the Tomh of the Patriarchs, but arrived

■ Temple Mount Restricted Foreigner travelers will oot be enter the compound disguised as tourists and attack Muslim worshipers, The Associated Press re-

ported Thursday from Jerusalem
We are worned that what happened in Hebron will be repeated of the Islamic Charitable Trust, Goldstein carried out the attack lives. which is in charge of the holy area with an Israeli-made Galil machine "They would have trampeled known to Muslims as Haram a

Rabin Stresses 'Moral Commitment' to Palestinians' Safety

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - With Middle East peace talks still deadlocked almost three weeks after the Hebron massacre. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday that Israel felt a "moral commitment" to ensure the safety of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation.

At a news conference after he met here with Pope John Paul II to seek the pontiff's help in restarting peace efforts, however, Mr. Rabin gave oo indication of any new initiative to meet Palestinian demands for security guarantees in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

And although he criticized the presence of Jewish settlers in Hebron as "dumb from a security standpoint" he

made it clear that there were oo plans at present to evacuate them.

What will be in the future, wait and

see," he said. A Vatican statement after the 30-minate meeting said both Mr. Rabin and the Pope were convinced of "the occessity of doing whatever possible to further the peace process in spite of the recent regrettable incidences," apparently a reference to the Feb. 25 massacre of Palestinians at

prayer in Hebron by a Jewish settler.

The statement said that the Pope had accepted Mr. Rabin's invitation to visit Israel "with the sincere hope that circumstances will permit him to make this desired visit." No date was set.

At a news conference before he returned to Israel, Mr. Rabin was asked what measures he planned to guarantee Palestinian security under Israeli occupa-

"We have taken many measures and there are others that will be taken," Mr. Rabin said. "We see ourselves responsihle by the law and by our moral commitment for the safety of everybody."

[Mr. Rabin also said Thursday that Jewish settlers in Hebron were in danger because they were scattered around the West Bank town in a "stupid" settlement pattern, Agence France-Presse reported from Jerusalem, quoting from an interview on Israeli military radio,

"The Jewish presence in Hebroo is based on a stupid system in terms of security," he said. "The settlers are dispersed throughout the town instead of being concentrated in one place. That has put the lives of settlers in danger."]

The Vatican interpreted Mr. Rabin's comments during his meeting with the Pope to mean that the Israeli leader hoped that the Holy See's role in the peace process would have a great relevance in the future," according to a Vati-

Mr. Rabin, too, seemed to be seeking a more prominent role for the Pope when he said: "I believe his voice is heard all over the world. I hope that he will come in support of peace and will call the parties to engage themselves in peace."

Arafat Firm on Protection Youssef M. Ibrahim of The New York

Times reported from Tunis: The PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, insisted Thursday that the PLO would re-turn to Mideast peace talks with Israel only after a form of international protection for Palestinians in the occupied terri-tories against armed Jewish settlers is

agreed upon, particularly in Hebron.

PLO officials also appeared to reject ont of hand a suggestion by the United States and Israel of a Palestinian police force to be placed in Hebron under Israeli command, saying such a force would be ineffective and subject to intimidation by

the Israeli Army and settlers.
"What is required now is that the United States, the two co-sponsors of the Middle East peace process, America and Russia, and the Security Council respond to the just demands of the Palestinians to provide international protection to our children, our womeo and our holy places," Mr. Arafat said after meeting in Tunis with a Vatican envoy.

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Christopher Denies Allegations of Easing Up on China Shipping Attacks

Mr. Christopher denied that the
WASHINGTON—Secretary of
State Warren M. Christopher on stand against Beijing and said there
was "solid improvement" on two
ships in the South China Sea last
important conditions for extension

Was "solid improvement" on two
ships in the South China Sea last
wear a UN maritime safety official mission to China had been a fail-

"In my sessions with the Chi-nese, I pulled oo punches and yielded oo ground," he told a House subcommittee. "What we are asking them to do is neither extraordinary nor impos-

"It is in China's best interests to meet the conditions to get MFN," he added, referring to most-favored-nation trade status. He said

there was still time for China to Under terms set hy Congress,

na's trade privileges.

To renew most-favored-nation

of the trade privileges.

The secretary said that during his trip to Beijing last week he had received "concrete assurances" on prison labor inspections and that Chinese officials turned over information on 235 political prisoners and an additional 106 prisoners in Tibet.

He noted that these actions fulfilled the two mandatory condi-national Maritime Organization's tions for most-favored-nations sta- safety committee, said he talked to tus and said there had been a Foreign Ministry, customs, securi-"narrowing of differences" in other ty and communications officials

"Most Chinese know MFN will this week. President Bill Clinton must decide not be renewed without progress" by June 3 whether to continue Chion these key issues, he added.

that the Chinese have improved proach is interference in its internal tutes any form of unlawful act," he their performance on human rights.

important conditions for extension year, a UN maritime safety official said Thursday.

Reports of oearly 100 attacks oo shipping have been monitored hy Hong Kong's marine department in the last 18 months, and the radio reports alleged that Chinese officials were responsible for about half of them.

Admiral Efthimios Mitropolous, chairman of the UN-backed Interduring his visit to Beijing earlier

The Chinese government gave him a statement rejecting any alle-China objects to the notion of gations that "the normal execution tying trade questions to human of law enforcement duties by comstatus, Mr. Clinton must determine rights issues, saying the U.S. appetent Chinese authorities consti-

made the decision on its trading status more uncertain than ever. A termination of most-favorednation status "would he a very serious hlow," said Calman Cohen, coordinator of the Business Coalition for U.S.-China Trade, an amalgam

of lobbying organizations.

That action would price many Chinese products out of the U.S. market by imposing prohibitively high horder taxes, and China against U.S. products, Mr. Cohen and other business spokesmen said.

Chinese products from an average of about 5 percent now to more than 50 percent on the average, and as high as 90 percent on some clothing imports, said Robert A. Kapp, who takes over next month as president of the U.S.-China Business Council, a member of the

Business Coalition. "No consumer would buy prod-

ucts at those prices and no retailer would carry them," Mr. Kapp said. William J. Warwick, head of in Washington last week. "Unfor-AT&T's China venture, said: tunately, all things are not equal."

reaction to the Clinton position has going to look for large American made the decision on its trading companies to punish."

Bocing jetliners, General Electric generators and Caterpillar earthmovers are among the obvious tarexported \$8.8 billion in goods to China last year, importing \$31.5

billion in return. Thomas Decomme, Chrysler Corp.'s executive vice president, said his company illustrated the woold immediately retaliate stakes for American business. Chinese officials have selected two finalists for a project to construct a Loss of most-favored-nation new minivan factory in southern privileges would boost tariffs on China - Chrysler and Germany's Mercedes-Benz.

At the same time that the United States is turning up pressure on China over human rights, Germa-ny's government is pushing to lock up the minivan deal for Mercedes-Benz with offers of favorable fi-

oancing, Chrysler officials said.
"All things being equal, the Chinese prefer the Chrysler product." Mr. Denomme said at a Economic Strategy Institute trade conference

CHINA: U.S. Businessmen Lobby to Keep Trade Open Continued from Page 1 "When China retaliates, they are Equally oo edge is Mr. Warwick on to the Clinton position has going to look for large American of AT&T. A year ago, China invited AT&T to take part in the rapid

construction of a modern phone system in China, complete from telephone-manufacturing plants to gets, he and other business execu- a Chinese version of the Bell Labs tives said. The United States research and development facilities, he said.

Only two of every 100 Chinese have telephones today, Mr. Warwick said. lo a oation of 1.1 billion people, the potential is enormous.

"By the year 2020, China will have the largest telecommunications octwork the world has ever known," and, he argued, it is essential for AT&T to be in on the ground floor, or else lose the leadership to Freech, German, Swedish and Japanese rivals.

"If you are not in China," Mr. Warwick said, "you will not be able to compete anywhere in the world, including the United States. There are no other places like it."

Aware that their motives are questioned by human rights advocates, business executives argue that trade and economic growth are strong levers for improvement in China's social conditions.

MISSION: Aid Dropped From the Air Is One of the Few Success Stories in a Besieged Bosnia

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success. Planes have periodically been unable to land at Sarajevo because of the fighting.

The recovery rate of parcels delivered by airdrop has been estimated at somewhere between 20 percent and 100 percent, depending on the accuracy of the drop and the ability of besieged townspeople to scavenge under fire. Last week, reporters who reached Magiaj, a Muslim enclave in central Bosnia where no aid coovoy has been able to get through since October, quoted some residents as saying no food had fallen in nearly three

For thousands of Bosnians, however, the relief flights have made a As of early March, the "winter-ization" that began late last fall had

DEATH NOTICE

PHILLIP Paul Karin

PHILLIP Paul Karin

53, of Albuquerque, New Mexico
and Paris, cied unexpectedly in
Paris, February 25th, 1994.
He is survived by his mother,
Maudine Karrh, sisters,
Paula Fisher and Phyllis Karrh,
and brother in law, Don Fisher.
Because of his lifelong interest in
literature and a recent visit to a
literacy project in Africa,
the family requests memorial
contributions be made to the
Guardian Angels of Conakry.

Guardian Angels of Conakry, Guinea African youth literacy, program, c/o Mrs. Judy Smith, 5456 31st Street N.W., Washington D.C., 20015.

delivered 138,000 hlankets, 9,232 pound (450-kilogram) bundles on mattresses and 3,628 sleeping bags. Crews now are preparing to haul at 45 miles (about 70 kilometers) an 163 tons of vegetable seeds intended to permit at least 50,000 families crushing someone — although, as the plant and the second of the sec to plant survival gardens.

demanded ingenuity and courage hitting the houses because they're from the flight crews, many of whom are military reservists or Nanional Guard troops on temporary assignment. On a typical night, U.S. C-130s fly a dozen sorties a night, with French and German planes contributing another four.

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leased state-owned real estate, in-cluding plots totaling about 2 mil-

Being crushed beneath this jug-

story apartment buildings and planned future.

Several shop and restaurant

gernaut of development are many

of the dark and deteriorating two-

Near the scholar's home, the

Shanghai No. 1 Department Store

will be modernized and expanded, and everything from apartments to noodle shops that stand in its way

will be demolished. Less than a

kilometer away, developers have

ripped open a path for a six-lane,

north-south artery that will help relieve the city's infamous traffic

ion square meters in 1992.

n the city's center.

crushing someone — although, as one U.S. military officer noted, UN The airdrops in particular have officials "tell us not to worry about all destroyed anyway."

In more dangerous areas, the crews employ a system developed with help from Rand Corp. engineers, who used computers to simulate the dispersal pattern of objects dropped from different heights. The system involves dumping 6,000 In areas where snipers are not lurking to pick off civilians searching for food, the crews drop 1,000-

Although he will be given a more

spacious apartment in the far-off suhurbs, the scholar — and many others like him — is incensed be-

cause he has been ordered to sacri-

fice his desire to remain in central

Shanghai for the good of the state-

owners being moved out of the cen-

ter said they would receive some

compensation from the govern-

ment so they can reopen their husi-

nesses in the suburbs. But others,

such as the owner of the Beautiful

Taste coodle shop near the No. 1

Department Store, still prefer the

"I can sympathize with both sides in this," said Norman Givant,

an American lawyer who has lived

central location.

dropped directly over towns; the packets fall gently enough to avoid injuring anyone struck accidental-The Bosnia operation has profit-

ed from shortcomings seen three years ago in Kurdish areas of oorthern Iraq, where airdrops were largely unsuccessful. Now, using sophisticated navigation equipment, pilots are able to make minute course corrections that land the packets relatively close to their tar-

To avoid anti-aircraft fire, however, the planes usually fly at 10,000 feet or higher, which makes precision drops difficult.

and worked in Shanghai for nine

years. "The city faces enormous costs in renovating its anniquated infrastructure. It feels the need to

maximize the value of downtown

comic reforms, state-held land is

being leased to the highest bidder, and real-estate prices sometimes

According to city officials, the scholar is among more than 100,000 residents being moved out of the heart of Shanghai at this

land to help defray those costs."

tate huhhle may burst.

exceed actual market value.

stage of the plan.

Pilots vary their routes and al-ways fly under cover of darkness. Eveo so, several planes were hit by anti-aircraft fire over Serb-held territory in December.

political settlement elsewhere in Bosnia, officials hope the end may soon come into view for the air operation. The mission has been expensive - U.S. costs thus far are estimated at \$124 million - and who shuttle between Germany, Italy, the Croatian coastal city of Split

With a fragile cease-fire holding in Sarajevo and signs of a potential

wearing for both planes and crews, and Sarajevo.

SHANGHAI: An Ambitious and Costly Plan to Recapture Past Glory

kilometer core. The population of greater Shanghai, including the suburbs, is about 13 million. But Mr. Givant said he believed that current land prices were "uu-sustainable" and that the real-es-Construction crews, meanwhile, As part of China's ongoing eco-

Although some of the most fam-ous European-style buildings from the prewar era, when Shanghai was known as the Paris of the East, are

More will follow, but the officials do not yet know the total number to be displaced out of the 7 milliou people who are now crammed into the city's 230-square

are hard at work, hlasting away much of old Shanghai.

being preserved, others will be felled along with their neighbors. Sizable sections of the heart of the city at the moment look like Berlin after World War IL

SIEGE: Accord on Access

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mostly Muslim Bosnian Army and the Croatian militia blocked the Bosniau government's overland route from central Bosnia to the Adriatic. But a cease-fire and the conclusion of a U.S.-brokered federation agreement herween Bos-nia's Muslims and Croats, as well as the creation of a confederation between the Bosnian federation and ueighboring Croatia, has removed those harriers, thus allowing at least theoretically, for vehicle traffic from Butmir to reach the

In return for the Dobrinja-Butmir route, the Bosnians agreed to allow Serbs to journey across the airport hetween the suburbs of llidza and Lukavica, again in two two-hour shifts daily that are staggered so no Bosnian or Serbian vehicles will be on the airport grounds simultaneously.

Cease-fire violations here in the

last 48 hours underscored the tinuing security concerns.

A Bosnian Serb opened fire

Thursday on a streetcar packed with people, wounding at least one person. Snipers killed a Bosnian Serbian soldier on Wednesday and a Bosnian ou Thursday.

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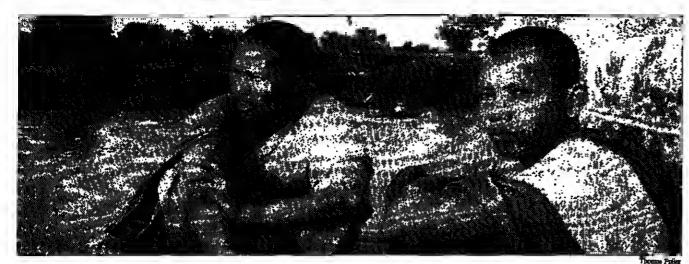
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On a Slow Boat to Angkor Wat

By Thomas Fuller onal Herald Tribune

IEM REAP, Cambodia -- "Going to Angkor Wat hy taxi? Think twice! We were robbed and beld up at gun-point. Shots were fired." And so a visitor to Phnom Penh, scanning a hotel's bulletin board, was warned.

Reaching the 100 or so temples of Angkor. undoubtedly the archaeological highlights of Cambodia and its neighbors, today poses somewhat of a dilemma.

By far the easiest way to Angkor is by plane. Thrice-daily flights leave from Phnom Penh and arrive 45 minutes later.

But for more adventure-minded travelers. who believe in the well-worn adage about getting there being half the fun, two options present themselves: taxi and boat.

In choosing between the two, the traveler might be influenced by (in addition to hotel bulletin boards) a recent entry in a local paper's Phnom Penh police hlotter: "A gang carrying handguns rob two German military attaches of a white Mitsubishi Pajero . . in front of the German embassy.

Cambodia's latest scourge is banditry. As for the boat option, nearly every morning a shallow-draft cargo boat with room for about 30 passengers leaves from the docks north of Phnom Penh up Cambodia's traditional economic lifeline, the Tonle Sap, a river which connects a lake by the same name to the Mekong.

"Fast" boats can sometimes make the 150mile (240-kilometer) trip in nine hours. 'Slow' boats are supposed to do it in 28. This traveler, armed with a hammock (the boats have no seats) and six liters of drinking water found himself on the slow boat.

Leaving the bustling riverside port an hour late, the boat, true to its name, chugged slowly up the Tonle Sap past canoe-like fishing boats returning with the morning's catch.

On board were Cambodians eager to avoid the \$50 plane trip (the boat costs \$10) and a gaggle of foreigners: a group of Japanese students, an English couple in a seemingly permanent state of travel, an Indian sailor from Bombay who had "always wanted to see Augkor Wat," an American foreign service officer based in Mexico but vacationing in Southeast Asia, a free-lance photograher from New York and an American diving instructor who lives in Bangkok.

Among the Cambodians were a pharmacist who spoke good English and French, two Buddhist monks, a man carrying a pistol whose occupation was unclear but who said he had flown helicopters for the Americans in Cambodia, and a woman who while knitting furiously told a discouraging tale of how the hoat to Angkor once took 24 days during the height of the dry season.

The boat's destination was in fact not the Angkor temple complex itself but a town four miles away called Siem Reap, which translated from Khmer means "Siam defeat-

In a preemptive strike on boredom, reading material had been sought out by some of the passengers while still in Phnom Penh. But finding a bookshop in the Cambodian capital is very difficult — the lack of books one measure of what decades of war and Pol Pot's reign of terror did to the country.

The Cambodian pharmacist, whose parents were executed during the Pol Pot regime (his father was a doctor), lamented Cambodia's intellectual vacuum. Virtually an entire generation, he said, was brought up without

proper schooling.
However, I did manage to find deep in a stack of dusty textbooks and political tracts at a Phnom Penh market, a copy of "The

Horse and His Boy" by C. S. Lewis, subtitled "A Story for Children." Fortunately, as with almost all children's books, they can also be enjoyed and perhaps better appreciated by adults — especially when the light-reading alternative was a high-school chemistry textbook. So with hammock in place and C. S. Lewis as a companion the afternoon shaped up quite nicely.

When the first shot was fired and the boat's When the first shot was fired and the boar's cook ram wildly down the deck, her hands slailing in the air, few of the foreigners on board understood what was going on. An angry-looking man in an adjacent boat was holding a rifle pointed at the sky. The Cambodians on board had stopped what they were doing and crouched or ky flat on the deck. But almost instantly calm was restored — or rather the confusion ended with some of the foreigners seemingly unaware that anything

It took a few more shots as the afternoon wore on for reactions to quicken. Those in hammocks would drop onto the deck and those already sitting on the deck would lie flat. The exception to this was the group of Japanese students who took little notice of their prostrate neighbors. The American foreign service officer opined that it was perfectly normal for the Americans in the group to be more sensitive to the sound of gunfire -it's the difference, he said, between Tokyo and New York!

Ever our link to the outside world, the pharmacist explained that government troops along the river tried to intimidate passing boats into handing over money or cigarettes. Soldiers had in the past, he said, fired shots at the boat, killing or wounding passengers, but this had become increasingly

Fortunately the gunfire stopped well before the boat got stuck in the sand. The crew exchanged a can of gasoline for a tug by some nearby fishing boats and the boat was

able to continue on its own.

Bot after the third saudbar and the third can of gasoline many on board began to realize that 28 hours was a rather imprecise

The delays allowed curious (or bored) pasngers to wander around the boat, inspect the cargo of bicycle frames, sacks of flour and mattresses, as well as to watch other boats passing by. One vessel, probably bringing its cargo to the markets at Phnom Penh, had large cardboard boxes stacked on the deck, each with the marking, "Gift of EEC/WFP. Canned fish in tomato sauce / Not for sale." Cambodia is after all a country where pharmacies sell packets of rehydration powder in Unicef packets.

HE delays also allowed passengers to admire the Toule Sap's fishing culture, both on the banks of the river and aboard the houseboats. Fishing villages made up of a series of small thatched houses on stilts lined the shores, highlighted at night by cooking fires peril-ously close to the dwellings.

For food, passengers were at the mercy of the kitchen crew, who kept a pot of water, taken straight from the Tonle Sap, boiling all throughout the day. Although the water maintained its green hue even after being boiled, instant soup packets were popular with passengers, as were rice dishes.

In the end, the trip lasted 72 hours - by the morning of the fourth day we disembark-ed. Uncharitable travelers might have de-manded their money back. But for most of the passengers the slow boat to Angkor Wat was, at \$3.33 a day, the cheapest pleasure cruise money could buy, and highlighted, as the foreign service officer noted, "with some occasional intermittent gunfire to brighten things up."



Scenes along the Tonle Sap, on the way to Siem Reap and Angkor Wal.

In Xian, Temples and Fast Food

By J. D. Brown

TIAN, China - On my red-whiteand-blue place mat is printed "The History of Kentucky Fried Chick-en" in English and Chinese, runming from the 1890s to a final entry dated 1993 when the "first KFC restaurant opened in Xian, with 550 seats." Xian is China's showcase of imperial history, situated in the middle of the Middle Kingdom, 550 miles (880 kilometers) southwest of the modern capital, Beijing. In the aftermath of the sudden, huge economic boom of the 1990s, fast food has come to the ancient capital, and there's bitle doubt that it will soread.

there's bitle doubt that it will spread.

As I devour meal No. 1, consisting of chicken breast, airy round dinner roll and a dollop of instant mashed potatoes soaked in gravy, I contemplate the changes that have taken place since I lived and worked in Xian nine years ago. In this notably poor and politically conservative province, private enterprise now employs more than 500,000 workers. Since 1989 and the massacre near Tiananmen Square, nearly a dozen interna-tional botels, with names like Sheraton, Nikko, Hyatt and Holiday Inn, have opened inside and outside the 600-year-old Ming Dynasty walls that encircle Xian.

Xian has a new airport as well, which opened last year; the trip downtown, about 28 miles hy taxi via a four-lane paved highway, requires an hour and costs nearly \$30. That there are taxis at all is another economic miracle. In 1984, the streets were a jungle of articulated buses, heavy black bikes, and carts pulled by beast or by hand. Foreign tour groups to Xian were escorted via air-condi-tioned buses to one of the century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the funeral vaults of the First Emperor's army, where each soldier is memorialized in terra-cotta.

Qin Shi Huang Di (259-210 B. C.) is credited with unifying China and establishing its first unified dynasty near Xian. The unearth-ing in 1979 of Emperor Qin's 6,000 life-size clay soldiers opened his underground ne-cropolis to tourism, and Xian has capitalized ever since as the showcase of China's early imperial history. The city served as China's capital over the course of 11 dynasties, from the Qin and its successor, the Han Dynasty (206 B. C.-A. D. 220), down to the Tang Dynasty (A. D. 618-907). Massive earthen burial mounds, the tombs of emperors, generals and concubines, encircle Xian for a 50mile radius. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda (Dayanta), built in 652, and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda (Xiaoyanta), constructed in 707-709, are the chief Tang structures still standing in the city's southern suburbs. Remains of the ancient capital's celebrated Buddhist, Taoist, Lamaist and Confucian temples, scattered throughout the city, are being renovated for tourists.

The most complete visual history of China I've seen can be found in Xian's two museums. Inside the city walls is the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, situated on the grounds of a 14th-century Confucian temple. It houses China's most extensive collection of fine carved stone monuments. The muse-



um's displays are poorly lighted; few signs are in English. The treasures, as a result, appear as they should, as if freshly unearthed or carted by hand from some fallen-down temple: silk scraps from Silk Road days; Tang Dynasty tricolored horses; ancient bronzes; the world's oldest seismograph, shaped like a punch bowl, and a stele recording the history of Christianity in China.

By contrast, there's the new National Museum of Shaanxi, south of the city wall. The new museum buildings are fetching, their tile roofs and columns modeled after those of a Ming temple. The central display is the 39 Tang Dynasty frescoes removed from the walls of royal tombs. These murals of China's cultural zenith reach back as far as 14 centuries, when traders from the barbarian West called upon a Xian of camel caravans, bunting dogs and polo tournaments. The scenes of Tang Dynasty musicians, dancers and court euruchs, rendered in pale oranges, reds and blues, are well-lighted and accompanied by brief explanations printed in English and Chinese.

Upstairs, the Qin Dynasty (770-206 B. C.) contributes five of its famous terra-cotta soldiers. While there are thousands of these warriors at the Emperor Qin vaults a few miles to the west, constituting Xian's num-ber one tourist attraction, here for a change I can take an unhurried, close-up look. Separated by an inch of glass, I can see the bow ties on their square-toed shoes. Twenty-two centuries old, these figures look like flesh and blood men huried alive inside skins of

The heart of the ancient capital today has a modern, distinctly Western beat, which I can feel the moment I walk through its gates. When I reach Dong Dajie, Xian's main street, I can see the radical change in the appearance of metropolitan China. There are huge department stores with shining glass facades and unexpected luxuries inside, from mountain bikes to cellular telephones; cafes and fast-food emporiums, such as Honey Hamburger, where hamburgers, fries and colas are served on molded plastic trays;

leafy trees and parks with potted flowers.

The once-dingy Xian Antique Store, at 375 Dong Dajie, has a racy new entrance; next door is a store devoted to the latest in lamps and interior lighting. Down the block is a new

boutique, named Billy, that sells almost nothing but blue jeans. Prices for jeans, Americanstyle fast foods, Chinese antiques and any thing imported are seldom less than half what is paid in the United States, meaning few local people can afford them often. Yet the city bustles with prosperity it hasn't enjoyed since the days of the Silk Road. Double-decker buses, boldly striped in orange, red and blue, are replacing the buge sardine cans of the past. The motorized rickshaws sport orange molded fiberglass bodies.

Between storefronts, down side streets, one can see the limits of the economic boom. There are masses of hopeful beggars here from the countryside. They sleep against buildings, their padded cotton coats folded into pillows, their gunny sacks of possessions their mattresses. At any major intersection, one-speed bicycles outnumber taxis and donkey-pulled carts rival jeeps. Average white-collar salaries are, say, \$40 a month. with an unofficial but quite real inflation rate exceeding 25 percent.

Sanxue Jia, lined with lantern poles, bordered by banners, festooned with red and yellow paper globes, is the first street in China I've seen that has been completely remade for tourists. Even the wooden-railed balcomies are strung with outdoor lights. Hundreds of Old Town shops bawk T-shirts, soft drinks, silk embroideries and folk crafts but most of all scrolls and rubbings lifted from Xian's great repository of carved stone monuments. Canned soft drinks are about \$1; T-shirts about \$10, and the rubbings, most of which are not taken from the original stone tablets, but from metallic reconstructions, run from \$50 to \$100 when

mounted on scrolls. The city wall has undergone a commercial metamorphosis, too. Nine years ago, the wall was in sorry shape, hardly changed from the days of its construction during the early Ming Dynasty. In the '90s, bowever, the city walls have been thoroughly restored.

ROM a souvenir shop in a watchtower, I peer north into the city. south into the suburbs. At first it is the Xian I remember, low and gray, concrete and brick laid out in ponderous blocks of post-liberation pro-Russian construction. A longer, closer look reveals new towers - high-tech botels and offices -and . a dozen metal cranes about to raise the wings of new housing complexes.

Just inside the wall is a cluster of low-rise

cement and brick apartments topped with talismans of the future: banks of solar panels and satellite dishes that enable residents to view situation comedies from Hong Kong and bowdlerized MTV with pop idols from Taiwan. The sky, like the sky over every major Chinese city, is stuffed with the sweat of industry, opaque with unwashed coal dust. The tips of Xian's two 1,300-year-old Tang Dynasty pagodas are as delicate as long fingernails in a field of blocks and iron bars. Construction dwarfs these monuments for the first time since 652.

J. D. Brown wrote this for The New York

Going Green at the Café Royal in London

By Matt Wolf

ONDON - For a city rife with entertainment, London is short on cabaret nightspots, which is where The Green Room at the Café Royal comes in. Here, you can sip wine - prices start at £13.50 (\$20) a bottle, £2.75 a glass while Annie Ross sings some of her songs from "Shortcuts." Or finish a three-course meal before welcoming Michael Feinstein, whose first remark to the audience after a glance around the room was a droll, "It's

very green."

Indeed it is, with its green velvet drapery lending a lushness to a setting that aims to recapture the prewar amhience of London's hygone Café de Paris. In the old days, society swells would gather there to hear Coward or Dietrich; these days, as a fellow expatriate observed one recent Saturday, "millions of pounds of hairdos and facelifts" are pleased in this debased age to find a place where they can see and be seen.

Such rooms are rare in London beyond Knightsbridge's Pizza on the Park, where a yuppier crowd flocks to hear the intriguingly

named Issy van Randwyck and recent Tony-winners from Broadway like Debbie Shapiro Gravitte.

The obvious prototype for the Green Room, by contrast, is the Cafe Carlyle in New York, with which the new site shares such performers as Barbara Cook and the venerable, if now exceedingly throaty, Bobby Short.

But while perfumes may smell the same

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There's a run on laserdisc copies of "Who Undressed Jessica Rabbit?" because somebody undressed her more than anyone knew — on three frames she has no underwear, according to Variety. This isn't visible to the moviegoing eye, but can be seen if viewed frame by frame. Disney's not too worried: An unnamed source said, "This whole thing falls under the get-a-life department."

the world over — Short noted the "fragrance in the air (of) Egoiste from Chanel" — the Green Room clientele suggests only London. Isn't that fashion doycune Jean Muir, looking as spry as ever, as she makes her way to the front? Or the American chanteuse Elisabeth Welch, herself a longtime Belgravia resident, there to lead the cheers for Cook?

Since the 150-seat room opened last Sep-tember, its look has evolved. Gone are the rather cramped hanqueting tables requiring couples to share in favor of intimate round tables for two. A dramatic red curtain by the piano, suggested by Cook, heightens the theatricality of the setting. And while the younger crowd repairs to Daniel's Wine Bar a floor below, the Green Room goes after an older, more upscale public.

Next up: Buddy Greco, from May 10 to

Café Royal, 68 Regent St., London W1. Open Monday to Saturday, serving food and drink from 7 P. M. with the show at 9 P. M. Prices start at £45 for supper and show, £20 for show only. Tel: (71) 437-9090.

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La Cite de la Peur Directed by Alain Berberian.

Anybody who has been to the Cannes festival knows that it's an easy subject for parody. Les Nuls, a comic threesome who

triumph on the Canal Plus ca-ble station with send-ups of mainstream networks, have taken on the joh. Chantal Lanby plays a hysterical press attache who will do anything to get her film talked about, Dominique Farrugia, a brain-damaged star,

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icaine. The problem is that the Nuls don't know about change Nuls don't know about change of pace like Monty Python or Mel Brooks; they only have about five gags — all scatological — and no timing. Send-ups of movies like "Basic Instinct" fall flat because, finally, it's not the movie being ridiculed but the mediatization of the movie world. The Nuls' audience may be too young to get the reference to "Pretry Woman" - or perhaps they never go to movies

they miss the laugh cues, but
are thrilled just to see their heroes on the big screen, jubilat-ing every time Chabat passes wind or Farrugia voruits. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

and Alain Chabat, a dead-pan bodyguard. There's a plot of

sorts: A projectionist is mur-dered during the screening of "Red is Dead," an absolutely

Nul horror flick, and the killer

strikes again when the film, cat-

apulted to success thanks to the

uicy PR, is shown. The idea is

to take a poke at cinema preten-

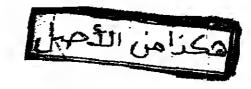
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Lightning Jack Directed by Simon Wincer.

"Lightning Jack," a comic westera produced and written by its star, Paul Hogan, sinks under the weight of a disastrous, if innocent, miscalculation. This takeoff of an Old West buddy movie mismatches the sardonic Australian star of the "Croco-

dile Dundee" films with Cuba Gooding Jr., who made such an impressive debut in John Singleton's "Boyz N the Hood." Gooding plays Ben Doyle, a literate but mute store clerk who runs away from his abusive boss to be the sidekick of a notorious bank robber. Ben, who communicates by scribbling notes on a pad he carries around, comes uncomfortably close to the oldfashioned movie stereotype of a bowing and smiling Negro ser-vant. Even though race is never mentioned in the movie, audiences are likely to wince in scenes where Ben, patronized as "boy," reacts by rolling his eyes in discomfort. Lightning Jack Kane (Hogan), Ben's partner and teacher, fancies himself the fastest gun in the West but is insulted by the paltry rewards being offered for his capture. One of the film's himp running jokes is that Jack, who is getting jokes is that Jack, who is getting on in years, couldn't locate the broad side of a barn without first putting on his glasses. The movie follows the team's misad-ventures, including a bangled bank robbery in which Ben shoots himself in the foot. Si-mon Winger the Australian dimon Wincer, the Australian di-rector whose credits include "Free Willy" and the mini-series "Lonesome Dove," doesn't know what to do with material this whimsical. The film has no internal comic rhythm to match

its faltering sense of humor. (Stephen Holden, NYT)



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The British invented breakfast but the Americans have reinvented it as a manage-

By Roger Collis

International Herald Tribune

OMERSET MAUGHAM once said

that to eat well in England you must

cat breakfast three times a day. Well,

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ment tool. Some people, especially traditional City types, may look on it as a barbaric custom; hut a hreakfast invitation is hard to refuse. The person you want to see may be plausibly booked three weeks ahead for lunch or dinner, but if be (or she) is seriously interested in meeting you, he will surely be able to squeeze in breakfast. Breakfast does imply a sense of urgency - of business that can't wait.

Some people order breakfast; others have breakfast thrust upon them. Like the time I had four breakfasts on a flight from Tokyo to Copenhagen with my former boss, a genial Norwegian who announced when we landed at 6 A. M. that we would have a Norwegian breakfast. This consisted of a medley of smoked fish, scrambled eggs, aquavit and beer chasers. Which gave us no end of encouragement for our meetings with the auditors back in Geneva.

"German advertising agencies often lure people into their office at about 8 o'clock by offering breakfast of sausages, ham and

Marketing the British Breakfast cheese — which looks like lunch," says Ron-ald Beatson, director-general of the Europe-an Association of Advertising Agencies in Brussels. "In Germany, there is such a thing as a free breakfast."

In London, hreakfast is one of the greatest bargains in town. Even at the poshest hotels, you can enjoy the full country house treatment for around £15 (\$22.50) per bead — a fraction of the price you would pay for lunch or dinner with the same opulent surroundings. And somehow maître d's seem less intimidating than at other times. Folks who would never dare query the wine are quite happy to send back the teabags ("I say, I

asked you for high-grown Darjeeling").

The Savoy (favorite of politicians and bankers) offers a Continental breakfast with fresh fruit for £12 and full English breakfast for £15.75. At The Ritz in Piccadilly frequented by advertising and publishing types — you can breakfast in ineffable traditional style oo such specialties as deviled lambs' kidneys or kedgeree (a wondrous confection of smoked haddock, rice, mushrooms and cream, glazed with light curry sauce) in an elegant dining room that doesn't smell of the night before "to make the night before the

an elegant during room that doesn't smell of the night before. "It provides fertile ground for buying and selling," says one habitué. A popular spot is the Fox & Anchor pub, off Smithfield Market, near Fleet Street. At 6 A. M. you can join meat porters and BBC producers for a heroic breakfast washed down with Guinness or Champagne.

Britain's Institute of Directors canonized the power breakfast by converting the mens' room at the old United Services Club, next to its Pall Mall headquarters, into an authentically paneled brasserie in response to a demand from members who want to start the working day earlier.

"British executives have realized that to compete successfully they have got to put in more hours, and more work into those hours," says John Nicholas, the institute's deputy director. "If the habit spreads at the expense of the long working lunch, it could even be good for directors' health."

The power hungry can start doing business (from 8 A. M.) with a choice of prunes, green figs, kippers, Cumberland sausages, black pudding, pancakes and syrup, eggs, bacon, tomatoes and mushrooms, with Indian or China tea, coffee or chocolate (£8.25).

After that, who oceds luncb? Which is exactly the point. Get a power breakfast under your belt and you can afford to take lunch lightly or not at all. ("Yes. you guys go and discuss the issues over lunch; I'll have made a decision by the time you get back_")

HE problem is that the neopuritan cult of minimalism, which destroyed the business lunch, has begun to encroach on the business breakfast. There's oothing quite as discom-fiting as your breakfast partner saying: "No, thanks, I'll just have coffee, "when you bave just loaded up from the cholesterol trolley. "Let's have breakfast tonight to save time in the morning," is the correct counter to this kind of behavior. You can avoid it by checking out whether your partner is a "breakfast persoo" and planning your venue and menu accordingly. Cootinental breakfast for your first meeting and a full-scale breakfast for the second. Or vice versa. The idea is to appear as a morning persoo with energy and putative virtue. "Sorry I'm late, I had an early breakfast." Or, "I must get back to the office before Tokyo closes."

The new Great British Breakfast at Simpson's-in-the-Strand is great value at £8.50. It includes the usual ritual of juice, sausage eggs, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, fried bread, hlack pudding, toast, pastries, juice, and as much coffee as you can drink. Plus such à la carte delicacies as smoked haddock and quails' eggs, and pig's oose with parsley and onion sauce. Breakfast is served from 7 A. M. to 12 ocon Monday to Friday. So breakfast could overlap with lunch. ("Morning, gentlemen, would you like lunch or breakfast?"). Could be the start of the power

ARTS GUIDE

BRITAIN London

National Gallery, tel: (71) 839-3526, open daily. Continuing/To April 10: "Claude: The Poetic Land-scape." 25 paintings and 50 draw-ings by Claude Lorrain, the 17th-cen-tury French painter.

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 439-7438, open daily. To June 12: "Goya, Truth and Fantasy: The Cabnet Pictures, Sketches and Miniatures." 100 smalt-scale works, including oil paintings produced for the Royal Topographe cluding oil peintings produced for the Royal Tapestry Factory, sketches for altarpleces and many portraits and self-portraits. The exhibition will travel to Chicago. Also continuing/To April 2: "The Unknown Modigitani," More than 400 drawings by Italian artist Amedeo Modigitani from 1906 to 1924. To April 6: "In Pursuit of the Absoluta: Art in the Ancient World." 300 masterpieces from the George Ortiz collection.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Statni Opera Praha, tel: 26-18-89. A revival of Prague-born composer Hans Krasa's "Betrothal in a Dresm." Conducted by Israel Yuinon, with the orchestra and the women's choir of the State Opera-March 27, 31, April 6, 17 and May 15.

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Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. LOUISIANA MUSEUM OF MODERN AT, tel: 4219-0719, open delly. To June 26: "Aratjara: Aboriginal Art." Works on bark, canvas and wood by modern Aboriginal artists in which the close connection to nature and landscap of the original Australian civilization prevails. The exhibition will travel to Dosseldorf, London and Melboume.

FRANCE

Opera da Lyon, tel: 72-00-45-45.
"An American Evening." The Lyon
Opera Ballet performs three creations by American choregraphers Susan Marshall, Stephen Petronio and Bill T. Jones. March 22 (world premiere), 23, 25, 26, April 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Paris Grand Palais, tel: 44-13-17-30, closed Tuesdays. To June 13: "Le Cosed Tuesdays. 10 June 13: Le Soleil et l'Etoile du Nord: Le France et la Suede au 18e Slecie." Features paintings, sculptures, art objects and architectural designs showing cultural exchanges between France and Sweden under the aegis of King Gustavus III in his efforts to emulate the Court of Marrilles.

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Teatro alla Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60.
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JAPAN Osaka Dalmaru Gallery, tel: (6) 343-1231.

closed Tuesday. To March 28: "French and American Images of Leisure, 1880-1920." At the end of the 19th century, wealthy French citizens patronized a culture of leisure. Artists portrayed women dressed in the latest fashions in luxurious interiors. The exhibition features oil paintings, drawings and watercolors by ench and American artists, includ-

ing Renoir. Tokyo National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays. Continuing/To April 3: "Greet French Paintings from the Barnes Collection." Pictures selected from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes in Philadelphia

Ing/To April 3: "Willem De Kooning." 50 oil paintings, bronze sculp-tures and drawings from the Abstract Expressionist's early figurative paint-ings, his explorations in Cubism, and his lyrical abstractions of the later

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Nationalmuseum, tel: (8) 666-4250. To April 24: "Imagination and Dream: French Symbolism." An overall view of the movement, from Puvis de Chavannes, Gustave Moreau and Odilion Redon to the Pont aven School and the Nebe in actic. reau and Odilon Redon to the Pont Aven School and the Nabis, in addi-tion to the 120 French works which include pottery by Galle and Doat and tapearles by Maillol and Ranson, Swedish Symbolism is also repre-sented with works by Acke, Osslund and Jansson. The exhibition will trav-el to Oslo and Helsinki.

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Fondation Piarra Gianadda, tel: (26) 22-39-78, open daily. To June 12: "Dessins et Aquarelles des Col-lections Suisses et du Musee Rodin." Features a lesser-known aspect of the French sculptor's work with 66 drawings, sketches, prints and water-colors. Twelve monumental sculptures are simultaneously on show in

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National Museum of American Art, tel: (202) 357-2840, open daily. To Aug. 7: "Thomas Cole: Landscape in History." A retrospective of 70 land-scapes and allegorical history paint-ings by the "father of the Hudson Filver school of landscape painting," mgs by the Tather of the Hudson River school of landscape painting, including two allegorical series, "The Course of Empire" and "The Voyage of Life."

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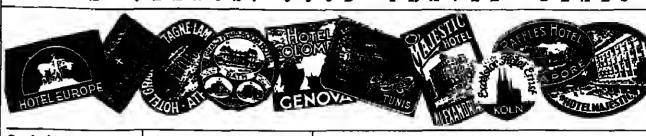
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ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS	Europe/United States/Japan	First- and husiness-class passengers flying between Japan and Europe or United States on March 29, 30 or 31 can claim a free one-way business-class ticket for each one-wey trip they make during the three-day period. Free tickets are valid for use on any ANA service between Tokyo and New York, Washington, Los Angeles, London, Paris, or Frankfurt between May 11 and Sept 30.
ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS	Japan to Europe/United States	PEX fares to the U.S. East Coast and to Europe will be cheaper by an average of 44 percent and 41 percent, respectively. So-called "Tobimaru" economy passengers will be credited with mileage points in Program A equal to half the distance they actually fly For example, four round-trip flights between Tokyo and the United States or Europe earn a free economy round-trip ticket to Hong Kong.
ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS	Japan	Double mileage for members of Program A frequent-flier program. Until March 25.
AMERICAN AIRLINES	Britain to United States	Full-fare husiness and economy passengers traveling Manchester- New York or Glasgow-Chicago are upgraded to "first-class sleeper" seats and business class, respectively.
BRITISH AIRWAYS	London to Hong Kong	Executive Club members eam double Air Miles in first or business class on Cathay Pacific. Until April 30.
CANADIAN AIRLINES INTERNATIONAL	Britain to Canada	Economy passengers can upgrade to business class for £150 (\$225) each way on flights between Gatwick and Calgary/Edmonton/Vancouver and between Manchester and Toronto.
CHOICE HOTELS	Singapore	Save up to 45 percent on "deluxe rooms" at the King's Hotel Clarion. Until June 30,
GULF AIR	Manchester to Gulf	Two-for-one for full-fare first- or business-class passengers, plus free connections from any U.K. airport to Manchester. Full-fare passengers to Oman, Oatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates will be upgraded to the class above. Until March 31.
KLM	Worldwide	Members of Flying Dutchman frequent-flier program receive double points when staying at Holiday Inn hotels, Until March 31.
DRCHARD HOTEL	Singapore	Business Package promotion for deluxe rooms at 185 Singapore dollars (U.S.\$117) for single and 195 dollars for a double with American breakfast. About 35 percent off rack rates. Until Dec. 31.
ROYAL ORCHID SHERATON	Bangkok	Getaway Package offers two nights river-view deluxe room for \$359 single (\$199 twin share) with buffet breakfasts, one seafood barbecue dinner and show at the "Rivernight Market"; aliport transfers, welcome drink, use of health club and a late checkout. Until March 31.

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TRAVELS WITH VIRGINIA WOOLF

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INTERNATIONAL

Edited by Jan Morris. 258 pages. £17.99. The Hogarth Press.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr

TIRGINIA and Leonard Woolf drove through Germany for three days in 1935 with a pet marmoset named Mitz.

"Sitting in the sun outside the German customs," Woolf wrote in a diary entry dated May 9. "A car with the swastika on the back window has just passed through the barrier into Germany. L. is in the customs . . . Ought I to go in & see what is happening? The Dutch Customs took 10 seconds. This has taken 10 minutes already. The windows are barred. Here they come ont & the grim man laughed at Mitz... We become obsequious — delighted that is when the offi-

Later the same day she wrote: "By the Rhine, sitting at the window . . . We were chased across the river by Hitler (or Goering) had to pass through ranks of children with red flags. They cheered Mitzi. . . . Banners stretched across the

cers smile at Mitzi - the first stoop

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street The Jew is our enemy There is no place for Jews in — '. So we whizzed along until we got out of range of the docile hysterical crowd. Our obsequiousness gradually turning to anger. Nerves rather frayed . . .

So goes one of the more dramatic passages in a handsomely printed collection of Virginia Woolf's "travel writing." Jan Morris chose the pieces from diaries, letters and articles covering travels in England end abroad, and followed in Woolf's footsteps to see what was left of what she saw.

Virginia Woolf wasn't a great traveler. She was most comfortable on known ground, and the Woolfs spent many of their holidays in houses in the English countryside, the last of which was at Rodmell in Sussex (where Virginia drowned herself in the Ouse River in 1941). Yet she had the keen eye of the "travel writer," the attention to detail to light and shadow, that also marks her fiction.

In some ways, the most imporwhere her parents rented Talland

WHAT THEY'RE READING

· Henry Lonis Gates Jr., W. E. B. Dubois professor of the humanities at Harvard University, is reading "Jazz" by Toni Morri-

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House. That was Virginia's para-



dise, the summer of her life, water and light, and that place (or rather its loss, and associated with it the loss of her mother, who died when Virginia was in her early teens) inspired "To the Lighthouse."
Remembering St. Ives in an essay written in 1940, Woolf wrote:

must have been in the sixteenth century, unknown, unvisited, a scramble of granite houses crusting the slope in the bollow under the Island It was a windy, spit on the pavement." noisy, fishy, vociferous, narrowstreeted town; the colour of a mussel or a limpet; like a bunch of rough shell fish clustered on a grey wall together."

The town was then much as it

wild and famous conversation, was cut out of West Kensington." a master of the quick put-down. She loved London perhaps most

Writing to her sister Vanessa in 1908, she described Cheddar: "A wretched place, like the scenery beside a switch back, crowded, and full of grottoes and caves, into which I could not bother to look."

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In June 1938, again in a letter to Vanessa, she called Oben the "Ramsgate of the Highlands." She said that the Scots, "being entirely without frivolity built even bathing sheds of granite let alone botels. The result is grim; and oo every lamp post is a notice, Please do not She liked Ireland but found it sad.

a place from which life was draining. In her diary in April 1934, she wrote: "A mixture of Greece, Italy & Cornwall; great loneliness; pover-Woolf, in her letters as in her ty and dreary villages like squares

don, and she painted the city beautifully in her novels. In her diary on Dec. 10, 1936, the day Edward VIII abdicated, she wrote: "Whitehall was full of shuffling and trampling . . . A very beautiful yellow brown light: dry pavements: still lamps lit . . . Opposite the Horse Guards there was Ottoline IMorrell], black, white, red lipped com-ing towards me . . . We looked up at the beautiful carved front of -what office? I doot know. Thats the window out of which Charles the First stepped when he had his head cut off said Ottoline, pointing to the great lit up windows in their frame of white stone . . . I felt I was walking in the 17th century with one of the courtiers; & she was lamenting not the abdication of Edward . . . but the execution of Charles." Jan Morris has put together a

of all, she loved "traveling" in Lon-

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delightful book; the reader can dip in almost anywhere and find a gem. In April 1927, Virginia wrote to Vanessa from Palermo: "We crossed over to Palermo by night and I shared a cabin with an unknown but by oo means romantic Swedish lady who complained that there was no lock on the door, whereupon I poked my head out from the curtains and said in my best French 'Madame we have neither of us any cause for (ear' which happily she took in good part."

International Herald Tribune

By Alan Truscott

HE stated purpose of Leandro

A Burgay, the Italian television producer, in challenging all comers in January for a stake of \$50,000 was to demonstrate the efficiency of his method of bidding in response to one no-trump. But the post-mortem was not always easy. On the diagramed deal, for example, his methods reached an inferior game contract, but it succeeded with a little help from the defense.

North and South for the Burgay team were the star French pair, Hervé Mouiel and Alain Levy, After the compulsory one no-trump opening, showing 16-18 points and 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 distribution, North described a hand with 4-1-4-4 distribution. South had to settle East, realized too late that he could in three no-trump, e contract that have beated the game by cashing 3 N.T. seemed doomed. He had little help one or both of his cluh winners west

when a heart was led and he was after winning the second trick with able to win with the nine. the jack. But if the declarer leads He led a club, in order, perhaps, clubs, it is not easy to appreciate to develop a trick in that suit. East that you have to do likewise,

won with the jack and made the obvious return of a heart. South's jack was taken by the queen, and West shifted to the spade ten. Levy won in his hand with the spade king, and cashed the K-O of

diamonds and the spade queen. Then he crossed to the spade ace, thanking the gods for the even split, and cashed the last spade. He cashed the diamond ace and led the last diamond, forcing West into the lead. The heart king in the closed hand scored at the finish, giving South his ninth trick, and East's top clubs withered on the vine. Paul Soloway, the American

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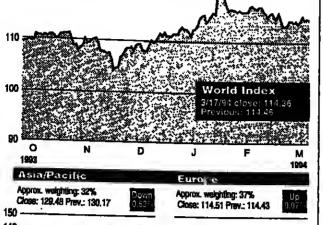
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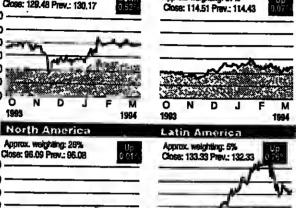
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Finance	117.44	118.13	-0.58	Consumer Goods	99.98	100.15	-0.17
Services	121.51	121.83	-0.26	Miscellaneous	129,15	129.01	+0.11

German Car Firms Hit Skids

Profit Tumbles For All 3 Giants

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN - Volkswagen AG, Eurnpe's biggest earmaker, said Thursday that it had a group loss of 1.94 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.14 billion) in 1993 after posting a profit of 147 million DM a year

earner.

The two nther major German carmakers also reported sharply weaker earnings. Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest industry figures showed not profit had slumped not profit had slumped. ures showed net profit had slumped to about 600 million DM in 1993 from 1.45 billion DM in 1992, Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said that profit declined 29 percent

in 1993, to 516 million DM. Volkswagen and BMW said they would leave their dividends un-changed while Daimler-Benz said it review its payout to take account of the effects of the recession.

VW said that its sales fell in 1993 to 76.59 billion DM from 85.40 billion DM, while it also slashed investment to 4.84 billion DM from 9.25 billion DM.

Analysts said that the VW figures were slightly better than expected but that the company was unlikely to return to profit until next year, despite comprehensive cost-cutting efforts led by Jose Ignacio López de Arriortúa, its con-troversial production chief.

"VW will remain in loss this year," said Klaus-Jürgen Melzner, an analyst at DB Research in Frankfurt, "But it will see a clear improvement in 1995."

The question is how rapidly VW can achieve a reasonable level of profit margin," added Bob Bar-ber, an automntive analyst at James Capel in London.

But Mr. Barber said he expected VW to raise its dividend again as early as this year as the company pared its losses. "The direction of the next move is certainly upwards. The question is only bow much," VW also said its supervisory board had approved a plan to buy a

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LVMH Profit Rebounds **Luxury-Goods Firm Sees Better Times**

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Belying reports that luxury goods are headed into de-cline in the more austere 1990s LVMH Möet Hennessy Louis Viritton SA said Thursday that it was headed for a comeback, reporting an unexpected pickup ir 1993 sales and profit.

Executives at LVMH, the largest luxury-products company ir the world, said 1994 earnings could jump 20 percent on the strength of a vigorous upturn in the U.S. economy, continued growth in several Asian nations and a bottoming out of the slump in Japan.

The French producer of cham pagne, cognac, perfume and leather goods also said it was actively looking at acquisition targets in the luxury sector. The company, which in January announced it would untangle its cross-shareholding arrangement with Guinness PLC, could now raise more than \$2 billion for acquisitions, analysts said.

Separately, Guinness said Thursday its profit had slipped in 1993, and the British-based brewer and distiller offered only a cautious outlook for 1994.

Guinness said its pretax profit fell 12 percent in 1993, in £702 million (\$1 billioo) after a onetime charge of £173 million for the restructuring of its stake in LVMH. Chairmao Tony Greener said market conditions

The fundamental need for luxury products is the same as it was in the '80s.' Bernard Arnault.

LVMH chairman.

for Guinness would continue to be difficult in 1994. Guinness's shares fell 15 pence

to 485 in London trading.

LVMH, whose stable of brands includes Hennessy co-gnac, Moet & Chandon and Veuve Clicqunt champagne, Christian Dior and Givenchy perfume and Louis Vuittoo leather goods, is already plan-ning to buy Celine, which operates shoes and accessories boutiques. Other possible

acquisition targets have been said to include Guerlain SA, the Gucci and Pierre Cardin fashion lines and the perfume and cosmetics division of Elf Sanofi.

In 1993, net earnings at LVMH rose 19 percent, to 3,57 billion francs (\$619 million) from 3.01 billion francs in 1992, while sales grew 10 percent, to 23.8 billion francs.

The profit rise included a nonrecurring item of 602 million francs, mostly resulting from a capital gain on the disposal last fall of RoC cosmetics. Without that gain, net income would have been down 1.3 percent, to 2.97 billion francs.

Demonstrating its faith in the future, the company announced a 10 percent increase in its stock dividend, to 15 francs a share.

The results were better than most analysts had predicted, and LVMH shares jumped 5 percent, to 4,389 francs, on the Paris

stock exchange.
For LVMH's chairman, Bernard Arnault, the company's 1993 performance should extinguish doubts about its future expressed by some, whn have said the company would face limited

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U.S.-German Air Treaty Near

WASHINGTON - The United States and Germaoy are poised to announce an agreement on a new aviation treaty, perhaps as soon as Friday, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Transportation said

The most recent U.S. proposal was largely in line with the German position, said Dan Lewis, a spokesman for Lufthansa AG, He echoed the U.S. official's sentiment that announcement on an agreement was imminent.

Airline industry sources said the new agreement would allow U.S. airlines to implement or expand code-sharing agreements with European partners, which allow flights to be booked on one carrier and continued on another. The switch would allow Northwest Airlines and

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to expand their codesharing arrangement to serve six German cities from 11 U.S. cities and would allow Northwest to double the number of flights to Germany jointly operated with KLM. The agreement also will allow Delta Air Lines to

operate its own ground service at the Frankfurt airport. an industry source said. Delta now must contract out about 25 percent of its ground service at that airport,

■ JAL Gets First Hawaii Flight

The U.S. government on Thursday granted one-time permission for a Japanese airliner to fly to Hawaii on a oew route, the Associated Press reported from Tokyo. The approval was granted just hours before the flight was scheduled to leave Sendai, in northern Japan. Japan Air Lines Co. has applied to make weekly flights from Sendai to Hooolulu, and Hawaii

has already approved the route.

But the route has fallen victim to a broader aviation dispute and the United States has delayed full approval. The United States and Japan are negotiating a treaty on air service and several issues remain to be resolved. Matsuo Toshimitsu, the president of Japan Air

Lines, complained about the U.S. government's reluctance to approve the new service, calling it "extremely regrettable."

New York Fed Seeks New Rules For Derivatives

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, calling for more public dis-closure in the fast-growing and

controversial derivatives market, said Thursday he had asked the world's leading accounting firms to speed efforts to better evaluate the potential financial risks.
William J. McDonough, the New
York Fed president, said in an interview that he asked the firms to work

to improve risk assessment because "more transparency is needed" on the part of banks and securities firms involved in the trading of futures, options, swaps and other riskmanagement tools that are known generically as derivatives.

The New York Fed, in addition to the regular banking supervisory duties of the regional Federal Re-serve Banks, oversees financial market activities and international

Most derivatives are not traded on exchanges and are custom-de-signed to meet the requirements of institutional investors. This complicates the assessment of risk for

regulators. Bank and securities regulators in the United States, Europe and Japan have become increasingly concerned in recent months about the risks inherent in the use of over-thecounter derivatives that are pegged to exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices, all of which may be volatile. Mr. McDonough estimated the size of the global market in derivatives at nearly \$7.5 trillion at the end of 1992, or more than six times what it had been in 1986.

Mr. McDonough stressed that he was not opposed to the use of derivatives as tools for risk management, but he said the challenge for accounting firms was to come up with ways to provide "a reasonable estimate of possible gains and losses" in the future. The need for increased disclo-

sure and fast action by auditors, the Fed official said, "reflects the fact that derivatives are off-balance-

sheet devices that create an additional challenge for us. A balance sheet does not tell you what it used to because of this, so we need to make progress in the accounting

area to get greater transparency."

Mr. McDonough also said he had recently joined a work group comprising officials from the White House, the Treasury and the Securities and Exchange Commission that would examine "the opportunities for financial markets and the risks that come from new financial instruments." The group was formed after the New York stock-market collapse in October 1987 and was "re-activated" a

month ago to examine derivatives, Mr. McDonough said. The New York Fed effort to persuade accounting firms to accelerate their work on derivatives will be formalized next week during a meeting with market participants. It comes at a time when members of the House Banking Committee are demanding legislation to establish new rules for regulating derivatives. On March 25, Mr. McDonough will host a private seminar in New

York to discuss derivatives with 35 prominent market participants, Among those invited are John G. Heimann, former controller of the Currency, Susan Phillips, a Federal Reserve Board governor, and executives from Moody's Investors Service, the credit-rating agency, Price Waterhouse & Co., the accounting firm, and Bankers Trust, the big New York bank. Mr. McDonough said the aim of the meeting would be tn ask those directly involved in the derivatives sector "to come up with regulatory proposals that re-duce risks and are manageable."

Last week, after a meeting of central bankers from the Group of 10 major industrialized countries, the Bundesbank president, Hans Tietmeyer, made a point of saying that new moves were oot required to control hedge funds, the speculative investment funds that use derivatives as part of their market strategies. Some hedge funds suffered

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WALL STREET WATCH

Analysts Expect Sun Micro to Shine

By John Markoff

New York Times Service SAN FRANCISCO — While the technology industry has been focusing on Apple Computer Inc.'s fast Macintosh line, unveiled this week, and Intel Corp.'s recently announced quick Pentium chip, it has been easy to discount Sun Microsystems Inc., the leading maker of computer workstations.

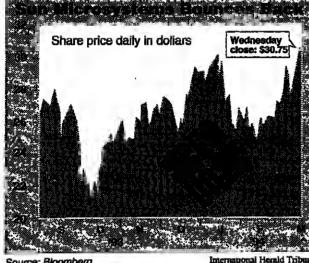
In fact, the common wisdom in Silicon Valley has been that Sun would simply be gored by the twin horns of ever-cheaper and faster personal computers and Microsoft Corp.'s commercially oriented NT operating system.
But Sun, which prides itself at

being both quirky and arrogant, has been counted out before. "As usual, reports of our demise are premature," said Eric Schmidt, Sun's chief technology officer. Now the computer maker is set to catch up in the workstation business and may end up giving

fits to its chief competitors -

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Hewlett Packard Co., Digital Equipment Corp., Silicon Graphics Inc. and International Business Machines Corp. Sun, which introduced the \$10,000 Voyager, its first "transportable" workstation, this week, will soon add the Sparc 5 and Sparc 20, workstation models designed to refresh the performance of Sun's desktop systems and put the company back "in the hunt"



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Several weeks ago the company, based in Mountain View, California, treated analysis to a preview of a group of products it plans to introduce this month.

Since then, the buzz that the products have created has begun turning heads on Wall Street. The word was that there had never been a better time to buy Sun's stock, which had been languishing in the \$20 range since the beginning of January.

The stock traded late Thursday at \$30.75 a share, unchanged from Wednesday. While still well below its 1987 high of \$45.75, it has risen about 10 percent in a httle more than a week. Its trad-ing all year has been volatile, however. The stock ended 1993 at

> "I don't always have kind things to say about Sun, but I do
> right now," said Laura Conigliaro, an analyst at Prudential Securities Inc. "If you're going to
> buy Sun, this is the window." What Sun did wrong in the ard."

past was essentially fumble the transition between one generation of its Spare microprocessor and the next, when its ally Texas Instruments Inc. took far too long to complete designing a cru-

That could have been fatal, except that while that Sun was lagging in performance, none of its competitors could dislodge it from its 30 percent share of the workstation market.

"Sun has been a company that is perceived to have lagged techni-cally," said Doug van Dorsten, a stock analyst at Hambrecht & Quist in San Francisco, "but they still have the largest market share, so they're doing something right."

That something, he said, was to develop systems that spoke di-rectly to the needs of its core enstumers, who wanted to 'downsize," or move critical applications away from expensive mainframes and into the Unix workstation market.

That, in turn, has protected the company's margins in the past year, because Sun's high-end server computers have sold better than the computer maker itself expected them to.

"Any way you look at it, Sun is an inexpensive stock," Mr. van Dorsten said. "You could make a credible case that Son should be valued as high as Hewlett Pack-

6 U.S. Airlines Settle Price-Fixing Suit court in Atlanta, and as part of a well as the information system, Air-

led by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Six major U.S. airlines agreed to settle charges that they used their jointly owned computerized ticket-information system to gain as much as \$1.9 bil-lion in fare increases through illegal price-fixing from 1988 to 1992, the

Justice Department said Thursday. The government did not file criminal charges and aeknowl-edged that the airlines had stopped the practice in December 1992 when it filed its civil antitrust suit.

There were no consumer refunds negotiated in the settlement because the government has no legal authority to seek them in pricefixing cases. But private lawsuits for damages

have been consolidated by a federal

settlement of that case, air travelers stand to receive 10 percent discount coupons for future airline trips, based on the number of trips they said they had made on those carriers in the past. Some consumer advocates have criticized that settlement as too small.

The Justice Department said it had identified more than 50 pricefixing agreements among the air-lines to raise fares or to end discounts on hundreds of routes.

The airlines - American Airlines, a unit of AMR Corp.; Delta Air Lines Inc.; Northwest Airlines, a unit of NWA Inc.; Continental Airlines Holding Inc.; Trans World
Airlines Inc., and Alaska Airlines, a
unit of Alaska Air Group Inc. — as

or when they would end a discount.
Other airlines, she said, would
signal their counterproposals with

line Tariff Publishing Co., settled by agreeing not to exchange ticketprice information in advance.

Two other carriers, United Air-lines and USAir Group, entered into a consent decree in December 1992 after the Justice Department first filed the lawsuit against all

Assistant Atturney General that price. The order also would limit communication about ending antitrust division, said the airlines operated by putting a notice of a proposed fare increase into their must be approved by a federal must be approved by a federal computers with footnotes indicating what routes would be affected

different prices or different footnotes until there was an agreement. Under the settlement, the six carriers agreed to a court order that would bar them from nffering new

fares available only at a future date.

the Justice Department said.

The department said that once a fare was posted in the computer system, the airlines would have to begin selling tickets immediately ar

judge before it can be made final. Members of the public will have 60 days to comment on the settlement before the judge rules.
(AP, Bloomberg)

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Japan Firms Plan to Link Phones, TVs Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Four Japanese com-panies said Thursday they would cooperate in the development of multimedia services, which would be the first link between the coun-try's telephone and cable television industries. Three of the companies — Tokyo

Electric Power Co., Mitsui & Co. and Mitsubishi Corp. — have stakes in Tokyo Telecommunications Network Co., a fiber-optic telecommunications network used by busioesses. The fourth, the railway operator Tokyu Corp., runs a cable television system in Tokyo. The companies said they planned to begin testing the possibility of offering telephone and other interactive services by connecting Tokyu's cable system with

Tokyo Telecommunications Network. The services are likely to include video on demand, in which viewers can request programs at any time; television shopping and karaoke, news reports said. Industry analysts hailed the agreement as a sign of loosening government regulations, which have been blamed for Japan's lag in

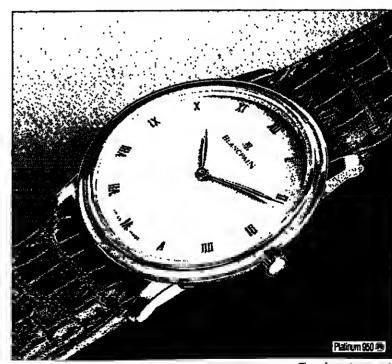
multimedia applications. "It clearly illustrates that these areas are being deregulated and new combinations can emerge." said Steven Myers, an analyst Jar-

dine Fleming Securities.

The Japanese consortium follows a series of mergers and agreements between cable and telephone companies in the United States and The consortium presents a po-

tential threat to existing telecommunications services, including those provided by Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., which once held a telephone monopoly in

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Technology Rally Brings OTC Record

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Strength in maker said it would raise its investtechnology stocks lifted the Nasdaq composite index to a record close, while expectations for strong corporate earnings in the first quarter kept the broad market firm.

The Nasdaq index closed up 4.5g points at 803.57, eclipsing the previous high set Jan. 31. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 16.99

U.S. Stocks

points, to 3,865.14, while gainers outnumbered losers by a 9-to-8 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. Lotus Development led the overthe-counter index higher, jumping 5% to 85% on its agreement to adapt its Notes software to serve businesses over American Telephone & Telegraph's network. AT&T rose 1/2 to 53% in active trading on the New

York Stock Exchange. Intel was the most actively traded Nasdaq stock, rising % to 721/4 after the computer-chip maker was added to the "priority" list of top stock recommendations at Gold-

Oracle Systems rose 14 to 31% after the database management software company said it planned agreements on March 28.

In Focus Systems slumped 3¾ to

ment in a joint venture with Motor-ola by up to \$7 million over the pext two years. Motorola fell 1/4 to 1094s.

Hansoo's American depositary receipts topped the New Yark Stock Exchange's most-active list. rising 4 to 21% after announcing it was creating a subsidiary called Hanson Pacific PLC that was opening an office in Hoog Kong.

sury bond price fell 10/32 point, to 92 23/32, with the yield rising to 6.83 percent from 6.80 percent Wednesday. Despite data this week showing inflation under control. other indicators of economic expansion fueled sentiment that the Fed would continue its bias toward higher rates to ensure that inflation

Analysis said they expected stock-market focus to shift from interest rates to corporate earnings through mid-April.

said Don Hays, director of investment strategy at Wheat First Butcher & Singer, in Richmond, Virginia. He said he thought there was "a powerful hull market" that was temporarily derailed by a Fedto announce new partnership eral Reserve Board interest-rate in

crease on Feb. 4.
(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Dollar Trends Lower On Bundesbank News

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar was slightly lower against the Deutsche mark and the yen in subdued afternoon trading Thursday, though it had largely recovered from a de-

Foreign Exchange

cline caused by the Bundesbank's decision to leave interest rates unchanged, dealers said.

A dealer for UBS Ltd. said the dullar had fallen as low as 1.6780 DM before finding support.

At the end of the New York session, the U.S. currency was quoted at 1.6883 DM, just below its close of 1.6890 DM on Wednesday. and at 105.730 yen, aff from

The UBS dealer said the dollar's decline had been triggered first by the Bundesbank's decision not to cut German interest rates and then rates in German money markets. by a lower-than-expected inflation component in a survey on the U.S. economy published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Higher German rates and lower U.S. inflation would both tend to hold down the value of the dollar.

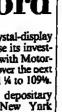
The dealer added that although the dollar's rebound had been fairly sizable, there was little fresh buying interest in the currency. This, he said, meant it could be vulnera-

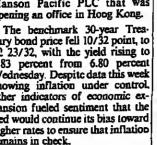
hle to renewed selling pressure. Some other dealers said covering of short positions had brought the dollar back up Thursday after technically oriented traders decided it would not sink below 1.6750 DM.

When technicals supported the dollar and we couldn't go any lower, the market's next move was to turn around," one chief dealer said. The Bundeshank decided to keep Germany's discount rate at 5.25 percent and its Lombard rate at

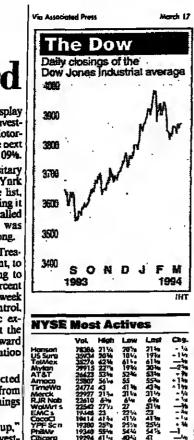
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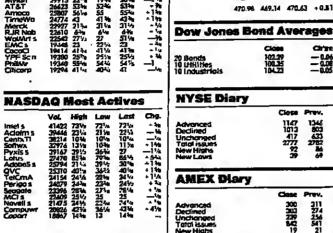
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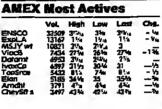


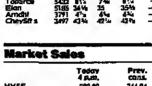


"Earnings are really picking up,"









FRANKFURT - The Bundes-

bank on Thursday defied market

expectations of a symbolic cut in a

a clear easing in German monetary

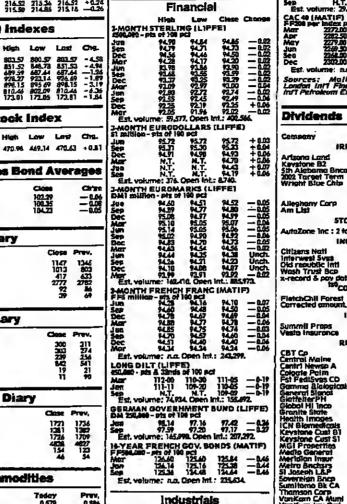
Markets had been tipping to-ward a reduction in the German

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"April 14 is the date we are

targeting the Bundesbank's next

senior economist at Deutsche Bank

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mediate pressure on the dollar, meetings on April 14 and 28 as the

this week would have allowed other watching," said Ulrich Beckmann,

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LOS ANGELES (NYT) - Jonathan L. Dolgen, a motion picture and television executive with a reputation as a steely negotiator and a tough businessman, was named chairman of Paramount Pictures and televisino divisions on Thursday.

The announcement was made by Sumner M. Redstone, chairman of the board of Viacom and Frank J. Biondi Jr., the president and chief executive officer. Four weeks ago Viacom survived a five-month battle with QVC Network Inc. and took over Paramount Communications Inc.

in a \$9.7 billion deal. Mr. Dolgen, who was president of the Sony Motion Picture Group since 1991, will hold the new title of chairman of the Viacom Entertainment Group. This includes Paramount Pictures, the company's television productions and stations and the proposed Paramount network.

GM's Saturn Unit Cuts Production

DETROIT (Bloomberg). — General Motors Corp.'s Saturn Corp. has slashed its daily output 29 percent, the first production cut since the small-car subsidiary started operating almost four years ago.

The production cot could mean that Saturn will delay plans to formally ask GM for a second assembly plant. There had been reports for months that GM could either huild a new Saturn plant or use an existing GM factory to increase Saturn's annual capacity, now at 322,000 cars. Saturn cut daily production to 800 cars a day until further notice, from 1,133 a day, said a spokesman. He said the company will assess its situation "within a week or two."

SEC Fines Firms for Bid Violations

WASHINGTON (Knight-Ridder) - The Securities and Exchange Commission fined Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and Chicago Corp. on Thursday for vinlations of bidding rules in U.S. Treasury auctions through noncompetitive tenders.

Under an agreement with the commission, Cantor agreed to pay \$190,000 in penalties and interest to settle the charges. Chicago Corp. agreed to pay \$500,000 in penalties and interest. Both firms entered into

the settlements without admitting or denying any wrongdoing.

The SEC charged that Chicago Corp. had made agreements with employees and their relatives to acquire more non-competitive tenders than the firm was allowed. Cantor was charged with devising a plan to profit on trades using noncompetitive tenders in secondary markets at auction deadlines. Under the plan, Cantor customers placed bids for non-competitive tenders, and Cantor quickly traded those securities in secondary markets at or near the auction deadline.

Figgie Int'l to Divest Subsidiaries

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Figgic International Inc. said.
Thursday that it would divest several husiness that represent a third of its

total sales as part of a major restructuring effort. The diversified company also reported its first annual loss and blamed depressed sales and Midwest flood damage, among ather factors, for a fourth-quarter operating loss. For the 1993 fourth quarter, Figgie reported a net loss of \$181 million, compared with earnings a year ago of \$10 million. For the full year, Figgie lost \$179 million, compared with netincome of \$28.3 million in 1992.

In addition to its recently-announced the divestiture of its Advance Security unit, Figgie also plans to sell its fire truck parts and service unit American LaFrance, its pumps and mixers business Essick/Mayco, Rawlings Sporting Goods, its safety product distribution husiness Safety, Supply America, Sherwood-Drolet Corp., which makes hockey equipment and insurance unit Waite Hill Holdings.

Separately, Standard & Poor's Corp. said that it cut Figgic International's senior unsecured debt to double-B-plus from triple-B-minus and

subordinated debt to double-B-minus from double-B-plus.

(Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

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Kendall Square Gets Funds Injection

WALTHAM, Massachusetts (Bloomberg) - Kendall Square Research Corp. said Thursday that it has received \$28 million in new funding and, that it agreed to settle a dozen stockholder and derivative law suits.

The company disclosed accounting irregularities last fall that led to the ouster in December of Henry Burkhardt 3d, its founder, and two other, executives and to the appointment of its largest shareholder, William 1. Koch, as chairman and chief executive, and to the company said that Mr. Koch, a multimillionaire who heads Oxbow.

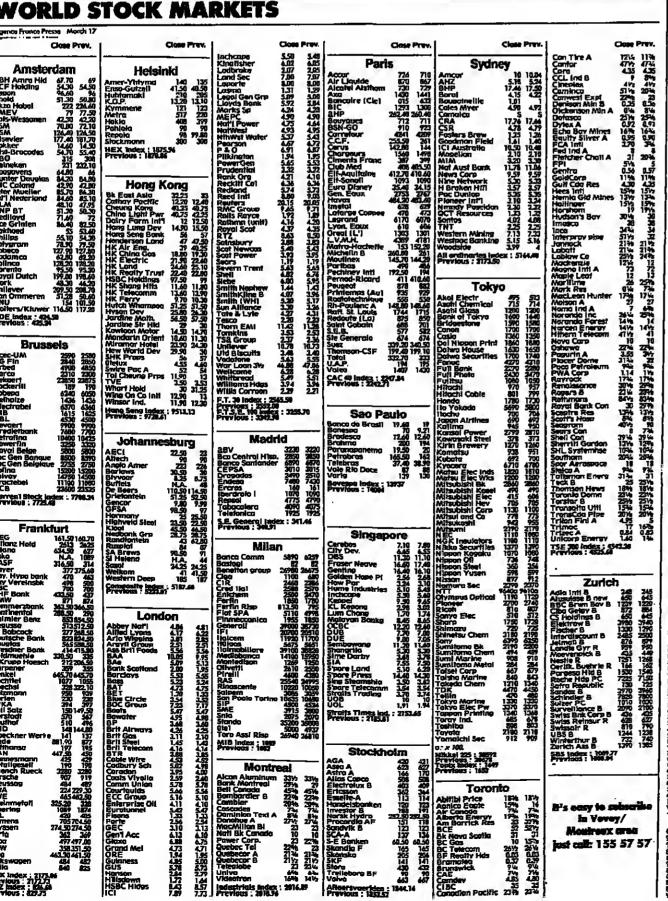
The company said that Mr. Koch, a multimillionaire who heads Oxbow.

Corp., would pump in \$25 million to bring his investment in the company to \$65 million. He currently owns 29 percent of the company's stock.

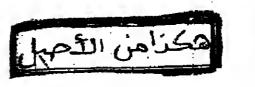
For the Record

Woolworth Corp. said its Woolworth Canada Inc. subsidiary completed the sale of 122 of its 142 Woolco discount department stores in Wal-

Chrysler Corp. more than tripled bonuses for its top executives in line with soaring sales and stock prices in 1993, according to a preliminary proxy statement.



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LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany - BASF AG, one of Germany's three big chemicals companies, said Thursday that sales had risen in the first two months of 1994 and that

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Cost Cuts Pare Lufthansa's Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT - The parent company of Lufthansa AG said Thursday it sharply reduced its net loss last year to 110 million Deut-373 million DM the year before.

The airline added that operating losses were lower last year than expected, but it gave no figures. Sales were flat at 15 billion DML Lufthansa said the number of passengers was up 3.8 percent and freight volume had risen 5.4 percent, but that the company's revenne had been dampened by presjure on price levels.

Lufthansa said 1993 results were boosted mainly by extensive costcutting measures, which shaved about 3 percent, or 500 million DM, from overall operating ex-penses. (AFP, Bloomberg, Renders)

Strube, chairman of BASF.

The company said that higher net profit was possible in 1994 despite an expected sharp rise in company tax payments.

Despite weaker underlying profitability, BASF surprised analysts last week by reporting a rise of nearly 40 percent in profit, to 858 million DM, for 1993.

Mr. Strube said that sales in the first two months had totaled 6.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$3.95 billion) and that this was "slightly above" levels for the same period a

"Among most sectors of German industry, there is again a general feeling of cautious optimism," he said. The chemicals industry has suffered from overcapacity and sche marks (\$64.8 million) from falling demand for basic chemicals such as plastics and fibers for the last few years.

BASF said its key plastics and fibers division was still posting a loss in January and February, but that the sector should be breaking even by the end of the year.

BASF said it expected only a slight economic recovery in Germany this year and in most other West European countries. The up-trend would continue in North America and South and East Asia. while Japanese growth would be weak, it said.

(Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)

A Shift to Green at Geneva Car Show

By Sarah Veal Special to the Herald Tribune

GENEVA - If glamour, speed and technological flair remain the selling points at the Geneva Automobile Show, a new message has also zoomed to the fore: Green is good, especially if auto manufacturers are thinking about their own health.

This is not because this fair had a particularly environmental orientation — the side show of electric cars is in its third year with 18 companies represented, about the same number as before. Rather, public concerns about global warming, the ozone layer and the health hazards of dirty air are quietly chang-ing the rules of the market. Switzerland, which voted last month to require trans-Alpine trucks be transported by rail, was an appropriate backdrop to the fair, which began May 10 and runs until Sunday.

The adoption of California's stringent airquality standards by the District of Columbia and 12 Eastern states suddenly makes toy-like electric cars look serious. These regula-tions will require 2 percent of new cars sold in 1998 to be exhaust pollution-free, rising to 10

percent by 2003.

Additionally, the U.S. government proposed last autumn to provide military research to Chrysler Corp., Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. in exchange for the Rig Three automakers producing cars with high fuel economy. It is likely that these vehicles will be electric.

European companies such as PSA Peugeot Citroen SA and Renault, meanwhile, are already producing workable models. In February, Daimler Benz AG's Mercedes-Benz unit and SMH Société Suisse de Microélectronique & d'Hodogerie SA announced an agreement to co-produce an electric car known as the Swatchmobile. Japan has also made a amitment to electric vehicles, promising 200,000 on the roads by the year 2000,

Potential in the developing world is best exemplified by China, whose vast market, growing economic might and pollnted cities make it a prime target. The Chinese, however, seek to develop their own electric cars. At the Swiss show, a delegation from the Norenco Eco-Drive and Horlacher of Switzerland, and

Solon of Sweden. "The Chinese delegation came to see what electric-car manufacturers are oow offering," said Henri Payot, president of the European association of electric-automobile manufac-

Public concerns about global warming, the ozone layer and the health hazards of dirty air are quietly changing the rules of the market.

turers. "Their plan is to buy a special chassis from Japan and build on it with European technology and electronics."

Electric cars' relatively slow speeds of 70 to 100 kilometers (43 to 62 miles an hour) may have little bearing on their suitability for urban transport, a key market. But their limited kilometers-to-the-battery (60-100 kilometers) and long recharging times remain

"It is hard for small companies to support maintenance," said Mr. Payot. "You cannot afford to service one car in Geneva, one in Lausanne and a third in Paris. The business doesn't work that way.'

But manufacturers are eager to produce solutions. Scholl Sun Power, the Swiss distributor of the French company Ligier, announced it would lease rather than sell batteries with its cars. "Problems in the past with batteries that didn't live up to expectations are over. The new leasing program allows owners to calculate use accurately," said Pierre Scholl.

While the Geneva Automobile Show spotlights the future potential of electric cars, an exhibit by Compagnie Industrielle & Commericale du Gaz of Switzerland offers a different and more immediate option; natural gas. The

industrial complex met with electric-carmak-ers and distributors, such as Ligier of France, verted 1.4l Renault looks decidedly sober, like

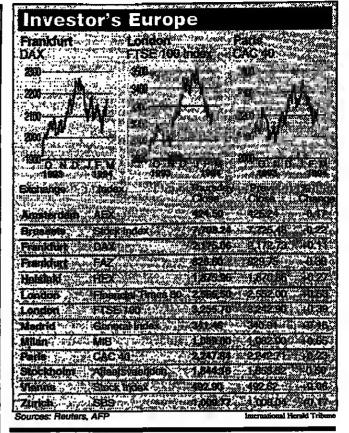
a World War II jeep at a sports car race. But the car works and it is cheap. For under \$3,000, the Swiss company's kit converts a car to run either on natural gas or to alternate gas and standards gasoline. While not zero-emission, the converted car makes sizable cuts. Tests carried out by Compagnic Industrielle under the eye of the Swiss authorities show that the natural-gas car produces 20 percent less carbon dioxide than conventional cars, 85 percent less carbon monoxide, 93 percent less nonmethane hydrocarbons and 97 percent less of the volatile organic compounds responsible for ozone depletion.

The Swiss authorities approved the technology just two months ago, said Geoff Bates, the New Zealand engineer who has been in charge of the project for the past three years.

"The first year, we studied all available conversion kits on the market. None of them were very good so we spent the second year working with a Dutch company to develop and improve a kit and the third year working with a German catalyst manufacturer. The Swiss paperwork alone took two years and if the company wants to distribute to the EC, we will have to start the whole process over to enter that market," he said.

Mr. Bates drives a converted car. "When I'm in town, I flip a switch to use the natural gas tank and if I am on the highway, I switch back to gasoline. While maximum speed is less than that of the unconverted car, its autonomy range is impressive. For gasoline use, it is that of the normal car, while the natural gas tank can reach 200 kilometers. When the two systems are combined, the converted car can go 800 kilometers without refueling."

Compagnie Industrielle wants to see natural gas pumps at service stations in the same way unleaded gas pumps are common throughout the United States and Europe. The company is trying to interest Swiss retail outlets keen on a "green image" to invest in the pumps. But for now, small compressors plugged in to home gas lines refuel the cars overnight.



Very briefly:

 Hoogovens NV, the Dutch steel compay, said its loss for 1993 narrowed to 234 million guilders (\$123.2 million) from 595 million guilders in 1992. · Germany's union of bank employees said it had agreed on an accord giving 340,000 workers a 2 percent pay rise beginning on April 1.

 Royal Ahold NV said that profit totaled 343.1 million guilders in 1993, up 13 percent from 1992, as sales were boosted by its U.S. units. Spain levied fines of 1.8 billion pesetas (\$13 million) against the bankrupt Spanish holding company of the Kuwait Investment Office for

violating securities laws. Minorco SA, a company controlled by South African interests and based in Luxembourg, said pretax profit fell 15 percent, to \$127 million

on lower metals prices. Rockwell International Corp. and Deutsche Aerospace AG said they agreed to form a venture to develop satellite-based navigation.

Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AFX, AP

Bull Says 5 Companies Discussing Partnerships Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - The chairman of Groupe Bull said Thursday that the troubled state-controlled computer maker was discussing partnerships with at least five companies from France, elsewhere in Europe and the United States.

Jean-Marie Descarpentries would not name the companies involved in the negotiations, but said Bull was more interested in companies offering knowledge of the industry than in companies with deep pockets.

last week it would try to privatize the ailing computer maker, which posted losses totaling 20.15 billion French francs (\$4 billion) in the past five years. The company told employees it might cut 1,500 to 2,000 jobs by next year, mostly outside

Mr. Descarpentries predicted the company would break even in 1995 with "no problem," regardless of whether its loss widened this year,

(Bloomberg, AFP)

who buy the securities, known as specialist who works for the U.S. profits never materialize, and the according to an advisory published who promised to use the notes to PRAGUE - A Czech bank's prime bank guarantees," are unlikely ever to see their money again.

plan to raise hundreds of millions of dollars is unraveling amid claims Those who have bought them inby the bank it was defrauded, in a clude the National Council of the scheme that also ensuared one of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the largest religious organizations an ecumenical body that represents 32 Christian churches with 48 milin the United States. The U.S. Securities and Exlion members.

change Commission has said that Emilio Carrillio, the head of huabout \$600 million of "possibly fraudulent" securities was issued in man resources for the council, said an outside investment manager for the name of Banka Bohemia, based the church had bought \$12 million in Prague. The notes, which pur- of the notes with money from the port to be debt instruments, are council's health-insurance premium fund. being traded in the United States "This is a major scam," said and Europe.

comptroller of the Currency, a bank supervisor.

Mr. Shockey, the SEC and other investigators say prime bank guarantees are used in a complex form of financial fraud that is spreading throughout the world.

\$600 Million Fraud Traps Czech Bank and Church Group

Known as "rollover" schemes, they work best when unscrupulous middlemen bring together people who are eager to borrow money but lack knowledge of Western capital markets and unsophisticated lenders. Typically, the middleman promises to purchase securities on behalf of an investor and to quickly

middlemen disappear. After hearing a sales pitch filled

with arcane banking terminology and assurances that the securities are off-balance-sheet items that are actively traded in a secret interbank market, people and even institutions typically invest in the be-lief they will receive returns of as much as 200 percent a year, according to the International Chamber

> The securities are often called "prime bank guarantees," "prime European bank letters of credit" or

last year by an American interagen-cy enforcement group trying to company. The bank issued \$13.2 warn investors about the schemes. The Czech bank whose name was

used in the current case, Banka

Bohemia, was founded in 1991 and now has 20 branch banks throughout the Czech Republic. Its troubles began when it decided to try to step up its growth and increase its loans to small Czech questions about the issue. companies by tapping into Western

of Commerce's Commercial Crime financial markets. Its chairman, Arnost Klesla, says Banka Bohemia got the idea to is-

sue prime bank guarantees last year

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The project quickly got out of hand when some of the partners,

who were not identified, allegedly

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shareholders at a ratio of one new share for 11 shares held. The new shares will be priced at 500 DM per common share and 365 DM per "This measure, which will lead to

a considerable improvement in li-quidity position at SEAT, confirms Volkswagen's commitment to its Spanish subsidiary in view of its comprehensive restructuring," VW Volkswagen had predicted it

would make a 1993 loss of about 2.3 billion DM, almost entirely due to losses at SEAT. VW have said they were not adequately informed of the Spanish company's problems. Daimler-Benz, in releasing its

preliminary figures for 1993, also said that exact figures would not be released before April 12 but gave few further details.

offering of new shares to current rest of the decade.

The rights issue is not related to

BMW's acquisition of Rover Group PLC of Great Britain, how-ever. "We don't need the money for the Rover purchase," said Mr. Hussmann. "Capital market conditions were so favorable and our share performance so good, we just wanted to seize the opportunity."

sales in 1993 totaled 28.9 billion DM, down from 31.2 billion DM in the previous year.

ry products is the same as it was in the '80s," Mr. Arnault said. "It's just that three years of recession have put an end to consumption of show-off products. The consumer is still ready and willing to buy quality, but now he will ask for real

value, not just a name."
"I think and hope that since mid-1993 we are emerging from the re-cession in a significant way," he said. "If the economic trend continues, we think we can obtain an increase in net earnings, outside of exceptional items, of 20 percent."

Pulling the locomotive, he said, would be the American market.

where LVMH sales should rise by (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP, AFX) as much as 20 percent this year and

10 percent to 15 percent in each of the next few years.

The company's Christian Dior

In addition to publishing profit Continued from Page 11 figures, BMW also announced an demand for hexury goods for the

"The fundamental need for luxuperfume, cosmetics and skin-care products made major inroads in the U.S. market last year, with sales jamping 32 percent. Overall sales of beauty products rose 16 percent, to 5.83 billion

francs, and operating earnings in the sector increased 5 percent, to 852 million francs.

Champagne sales rose 4 percent to 5.44 billion francs, and operat-ing profit slipped 1 percent to 776 million francs. Cognac, hit hard by Japan's eco-nomic crisis, experienced a 16 per-

cent drop in operating profit, to 1.91 billion francs, even though sales rose 5 percent, to 5.85 billion

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steep losses during the recent European bond market slide.

Mr. McDonough, said Thursday
that participants at the G-10 meeting "did not believe financial mar-

kets were in a state of jeopardy, nor that additional combined central bank regulatory activity is neces-sary at this point." He said, however, that he believed more public work at the international level, with cooperation possible among major market participants in financial centers such as New York, Tokyo, London Frankfurt and Zurich. He added that banks involved in lending to hedge funds have to be extremely careful about the collat-eral that is backing them."

International cooperation on de-rivatives regulation has already be-gun between the United States and Britain. "We have very active conversations going on between securities regulators and central banks," Mr. McDonough said, adding that the discussions included securities regulators on both sides of the Atlantic and the New York Fed and the Bank of England.
Although he declined to comment

on the path of U.S. inflation or short-term interest rates, Mr. Mc-Donough said the Fed announced its quarter-point increase in rates on Feb. 4 "because it was the first shift in monetary policy in five years that involved an increase in interest rates and was of such significance that it was worth making a statement."

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by 6% to SKr 1,562m (1992: 1,477). Net income per share rose to SKr 23.75 (22.60).

Income after financial items increased

Proposed dividend increase from SKr 9.00 to SKr 10.00 per share. In addition a 5:1 split of shares is proposed. Continued improvement in earnings is

expected in 1994.

The AGA Group's sales rose by 35% to SKr 16,063m, and operating income increased by 28% to SKr 1,648m, due to higher exchange rates and contributions from the cold storage companies acquired around year-end 1992 -French CEGF and German Bremerhavener Kühlhäuser. Gas Operations' sales increased by 27% to

SKr 11,385m, and operating income by 18% to SKr 1,373m (1,159). Although the continued

Venezuela and Mexico, subdued growth, most gas companies reported satisfactory development, due among other things to extensive racionalization programs. Investments in new plant and equipment totaled 5Kr 1,346m (1,517), which corresponded to 12% (17) of sales. New operations were started in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Kaliningrad. Frigoscandia's sales amounted to 5Kr 4,688m,

recession in most European countries, and in

an increase of 18% excluding the contribution from the new companies. Operating income rose by SKr 145m to SKr 275m, an increase that came from the new companies. The Food Process Systems business area reported a return to satisfactory earnings, while Food Services noted a weaker income trend. The associate company Gullspangs Kraft

reports a 33% increase in income after financial items to SKr 608m (457). AGA's share of this income was SKr 206m (145).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on

1993 Summary				
SKr milion	1993	1992_	SKr milion 1993	
Sales	16,063	11,870	Liquid assets 2,021	2,828
Operating Income	1,648	1.289	Other current assets 4,285	3,624
Net financial items	-327	-3	Shares, etc. 2,031	2,472
Share of income in			Land, buildings, machinery, etc. 14,454	11,628
Gullspångs Kraft	206	145	Total assets 22,791	20,552
Income in other associate			Loans 6,400	6,175
companies	35	46	Other current liabilities 4,056	3.054
income after financial items	1.562	1.477	Other long-term liabilities, etc. 4,025	3,745
Net income	1,136	1.007	Shareholders' equity 8,310	7.578
Net income per share, 5Kr	-,		Investments in plant, etc. 1,663	1,756
- after paid tax	26.65	26.40	Return on shareholders' equity, % 14.3	14.8
- after full tax	23.75	22.60	Dividend per share, SKr 10,00	9.00

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China Finds Small-Town America

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

COLUMBUS, Mississippi was August, when this part of the country sags under a slathering of humidity and heat. T. Scott Berry was up the road from here at a dealers' show in Tupelo, displaying some of the furniture be makes. He was in the back of a warehouse at the show, not doing much of any-

desk. A man was there to see him.
"So I go out and there's this guy
standing there," Mr. Berry recalled. "I almost threw him out, but I said, 'OK, I'll talk to him.' Three months later, at the invita-

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tion of the Chinese man who had come to call, Mr. Berry, a descen- in places like Dalian, in what used

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dant of Arkansas mule traders and Mississippi furniture makers, was in Beijing trying to figure out how to work China into plans for his family company, Johnston Tombigbee Furniture Manufacturing Co. He returned with a deal to have the Chinese make chairs for him; the first

Here in Columbus, a town of 23,800 people, of white-columned thing, when he got a call from the antebellum mansions and a main street languorous in its pedestrian traffic, the global economy seems to intrude in a scattering of Japa-nese cars, a handful of Chinese restaurants and not much else. But for Johnston Tombigbee, the future probably lies as much in China -

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China, with Asia's fastest-growing economy, has aggressively

sought international markets for its growing industries, including furniture. Chinese business executives are diligently trolling the waters of trade shows, scrutinizing merchandise, buttonholing manufacturers, looking for deals. In Columbus and elsewhere, furniture makers such as Mr. Berry are often obliging, in the interest of cutting their manufacturing costs and increasing profit-

Mr. Berry's new Chinese partner, a man named Yang Yijian who he said prefers to be called James, quoted him prices for the chairs that were two-thirds less than what Mr. Berry pays in other countries, such as Brazil.

Although Taiwan has exported furniture to the United States for several years, China has made a big push into the American market only in the last year, according to Bruce Plantz, executive editor of FDM Furniture Design and Manufacturing, a trade publication.

For the first nine months of 1993, furniture imports from China came Duff Forecasts and Market Myths for 1994 line US dollar will soar, deflation will continue; gold & most commod ties wont rise, Japan's economy & stock market will be weak. You did NOT read that in FullerManey. The iconoclastic investment letter. to \$225 million, or 56 percent more than in the same period of 1992. And combined imports from China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines were up 52 percent, to \$687 million. During 1993, the value of the U.S. wholesale residential furniture market was about \$18

billion, according to Mr. Plantz. For Johnston Tombigbee, cheap labor and materials in China are the backbone of an expansion strategy. With reported sales of \$40 million last year, Johnston Tom-bigbee ranks 139th among the top 300 makers of furniture in America, according to FDM. But Mr. Berry said he intended to move up by expanding into higher-end furniture, which he has started to have

manufactured in Honduras and the

to be Manchuria — as it does in America's Southern heartland.

China, with Asia's fastest-grow-ican middle-class home market. The company, in its modest prime, specialized in wooden beds, dressers and side tables - what is

known in the trade as "promotionbedroom furniture. While the company still produces wood furniture cheaply, Chr. na holds the promise of even lower costs. That is why Mr. Berry agreed to give the Chinese an opportunity to make what is known as a sled chair, about the simplest and cheapest wooden chair made, It sells for about \$50.

With a fabric-covered seat and back held together by two square wooden frames, the bottoms of the squares mimic runners on a sled. Mr. Berry recalled telling Yang Yijian during his visit to Tupelo, "when you get back, I'll fax you a print of the chair and send you a

sample so you can make it." "He quoted me an outstanding price on it, an unbelievable price. Mr. Berry said. "This chair costs me \$12.50 from Brazil. James gave

me a quote of \$4.50." Mr. Yang told Mr. Berry he represented Guangming Furniture Co. in Dalian in northeastern China. Within a month, the company had shipped some samples of a sled chair frame to Columbus. Mr. Berry sent back some of his bedposts and booked a ticket to Beijing.

"There are massive quantities of lumber to make bedposts there." Mr. Berry said. "When I showed up at the Grand Hotel, they had these bedposts all made for me. It was pretty clear that they could absolutely do what I needed done."

Mr. Berry still finds his relationship with Mr. Yang somewhat enigmatic. "I'm not sure who I'm dealing with, with James Yang, to a certain extent," he said. "But it was obvious to me that James was the kind of guy I could make a relationship with and the kind of guy Johnson Tombigbee is among could do business with."

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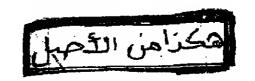


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TOKYO - Nomura Securities 'Co. and three major banks agreed Thursday on a plan to bail out Sanyo Securities Co., which said it now expected a loss of 8 billion yen (\$76 million) for the year ending March 31.

The plan calls for Nomura, Nippon Credit Bank, Daiwa Bank and Bank of Tokyo to buy 20 billion

yen of new shares to be issued by Sanyo, a Nomura spokesman said. "The basic outline of the plan has been decided but not all of the details," Takashi Ikeuchi, a Sanyo vice president, said. The plan is aimed at getting rid of the securities company's bad debts over a period of nine years, he said.

The three banks will reduce the interest rates on loans to Sanyo's three nonbank affiliates, Mr. Ikenchi said. But the new interest rate on the loans has not been set, he said. The Nihon Keizi, Japan's lead-

ing financial daily newspapers, said the rate would be cut to about 1.25 percent and added that Sanyo would also ask its other lenders to lower their interest rates.

Sanyo will use 40 billion yen of unrealized profit on equity holdings to reduce its affiliates' burden \$80 billion yen of nonperforming sebts, Mr. Ikeuchi said.

Earlier in the day, Sanyo revised its earnings forecast, saying it expected a current or pretax loss, on a parent-company basis of 2 billion 'yen for the financial year rather than its previously estimated profit

of 200 million yen.
Sanyo also said it would have a consolidated current loss of 7.2 billion yen, in contrast to the earlier estimate of a group profit of 600 million yen.

The company had a current loss of 33.4 billion yen in the previous financial year.

Nomura, Japan's biggest brokerconcern, and of the country's 16 second-tier brokerage compames also cut their earnings forecasts Thursday. But most major Japanese brokerages are poised for an earnings rebound this year after coming through the worst bear market in Japan's postwar history.

analysts say.

Nomura lowered its forecast of its current profit for the year that ends this month by 29 percent, to 50 billion yen.

Among the smaller companies, New Japan Securities Co., Wako Securities Co. and Okasan Securities were the only ones to predict a profit for the year. Two others -Universal Securities and Tokyo Securities -- forecast that they would break even.

Ichiyoshi Securities, based in Kansei, said it expected profit to rise to 200 million yen, making it the only brokerage house to forecast a rise in current profit for the year.

Although the Tokyo stock market has risen this year, brokerage companies say their profits from bond trading have dropped.

Spy vs. Spy in Hong Kong Fear Is the Key for Security Companies

HONG KONG - Growing lears of corporate spying among companies in Hong Kong have created a profitable counterespionage business for security companies. Sophisticated bugging and viewing devices,

many developed by state security services during the Cold War, are available at bargain prices in the territory's shopping centers or by mail.

According to U.S. security consultants such as

Pinkerton Security & Investigation Services and Kroll Associates, there are enough business prepared to use subterfuge to get an upper hand to make regular sweeps of Hong Kong boardrooms and management offices more a occessity than a

The potential for eavesdropping on people by a variety of methods is pretty high in Hong Kong, said Graham Lander, detective superintendent in charge of the Crime Prevention Bureau of the colony's police. "A major reason is that we have one multistory glass office structure right next to another." Mr. Lander said that companies rarely come to

the police with complaints about surveillance or theft of information. He said theft of computer data is likely to be a bigger headache for major Hong Kong companies than bugging.
"In terms of computer data their, there is proba-

bly a lot more going on than we realize, but there is probably a little too much paranoia over the possibility of boardroom and executive bugging "he said. Feeding on the fears are people like Steven McVeigh, who is a manager with Pinkerton (Asia). Neither Pinkerton nor Kroll would reveal their clients. Yet Pinkerton claimed to represent big local corporations and foreign multinational con-

Pinkerton (Asia)'s Hong Kong office oow has a team of eight conducting counterespionage work, up from just two in 1990.

To check that 5,000 square feet (450 square

meters) of office space is free of bugs takes about 18 hours of work and costs a client about 20,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$2,589), Mr. McVeigh said. He acknowledged, however, that companies that fear they have been bugged often find that there

are other explanations. "Quite often when they think they have been bugged, you find that they don't cootrol the disposal of their rubbish or it is a young lady in the office who is asked to leak information by her boyfriend," Mr. McVeigh said. He said that Pinkerton does about 17 sweeps of Hong Kong company offices each month. Ouite a

few of those are repeats. The short distances between Hong Kong's office towers is an important concern. The shorter the

Bugging and viewing devices, many developed by state security services during the Cold War, are available at bargain prices.

distance between a bug and the radio receiver, the less chance that somebody else will also listen in. In 1993, Pinkerton discovered about 12 listening devices across Asia, Mr. McVeigh said. Kroll Associates (Asia), which has a smaller team doing similar work, found three clear cases that microphones had been used last year, said Stephen Vickers, associate managing director.

"A lot of stuff became available that was hitherto the province of the security services only," Mr. Vickers said. The goodies are on sale all over Hong Kong and you only have to go to the upstairs departure hall of Kai Tak Airport and you can find a shop selling world-class stuff."

There are tiny listening devices in plugs, in calculators, in pens, and in almost anything else you want to name to supply today's James Bonds. Many of the items are available for less than \$100. The end of the Cold War also produced an army of jobless professionals ideal for industrial espionage work. "If you had been involved in this kind of work and then found yourself redundant you would be inclined to look elsewhere," said Mr. McVeigh.

Japan Sees Signs of Recovery

TOKYO - Japan's economy is showing signs of recovery after nearly three years of stagnation as the government revised upward its industrial production figure for January and reported a slowing in the decline of corporate profits.

"The overall economy is headed for an upward move," a Ministry of Finance official said Thursday.

The ministry's quarterly survey of corporate financial health showed that the scale of profit declines was much smaller in the Oc-tober-December quarter than in July-Centember Profits shrank 6.2 percent in the October-December quarter, compared with a 21.6 percent fall in the previous quarter. The government also said Japan's industrial production increased 1.0

percent in January from December. A government official said production of machinery, particularly computers and semiconductors,

boosted output Also on Thursday, Japan's Actomobile Manufacturers Association said it expected domestic demand for new cars to grow by 3.9 percent in the financial year beginning in

But Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, maintained a cautious line on the economy, saying the outlook remained uncertain.

"Housing demand continues to be steady and there are some bright spots in home electric goods," Mr. Hosokawa said. "But in general, the economic outlook as a whole remains uncertain."

(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

Mitsubishi Cuts Jobs, Outlook

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. said Thursday it would reduce its workforce by 3,100 over the next four years to cope with the slumping economy.

The cuts will trim the workforce by about 7 percent, and will mainly by done through attrition and reduced hiring.

Mitsubishi predicted sales would fall 3 percent, to 2.42 trillion yen (\$23 billion), in the year ending March 31, and pretax profit would be 120 billion yen, 17 percent below 1992.

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 Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. and Wardley Ltd. are merging their treasury and capital-markets businesses to meet competition. · Isetan Co., a department-store operator, and three other Japanese companies set up a \$1.8 million joint venture with clothing designer Calvin Klein, called Calvin Klein Japan. Other partners are Mitsui & Co., Ouward Kashiyama & Co. and Okano Associates Co.

· France will soon lift restrictions on fish and fish products from Indonesia, Mauritania, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand, the Thai Foreign Trade Ministry said, quoting Thai diplomats in Paris.

Dairy Farm Hits Chinese Wall

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches HONG KONG - Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd., a retailing arm of the Jardine Matheson group, said Thursday that after nine months it was still waiting approval from Chinese anthorities to develop a chain of up to 60 supermarkets in Shanghai.

Jardine Matheson has been subject to vitriolic attacks by Beijing for supporting political reform propos-als put forward by Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong and bitterly opposed by China.

"We have got a partner that we want to work with, but we are in the hands of the regulators and it does take time to get the paperwork through," said Graeme Seabrook, managing director of Dairy Farm.

Dany Farm also announced that its profit rose 11 percent in 1993, to 3197.5 million, mainly due to reduced losses in its Spanish, grocery and variety-store chains, which offset an earnings fall at its Australian

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an offering of shares in several These include Bharat Electronics, Bharat Earth Movers, Bharat Heavy Electricals, Bon-

The government hopes to raise about \$1 billion through

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Profit Lifts Qantas Toward Privatization half of the company's financial

SYDNEY - Qantas Airways Ltd. reported Wednesday that it had returned to profitability, raising prospects that the Australian government may float its 75 percent stake in the airline this year.

The national flag carrier reported net profit of 71.6 Australian million dollars (\$52 million) for the second half of 1993, which is the first half of the company's financial year. It had posted a loss of 365.5 million dollars in the preceding

But Gary Pemberton, chairman of the airline, also predicted that profit for the six-month period ending June 30, which is the second line might be floated as early as

year, would be lower in spite of an improved domestic market and prospects for better results in the Pacific market after the withdrawal of Continental Airlines and Northwest Airlines from those routes. "I would expect something less

than the first-half result in the current period owing to the seasonal reduction in traffic," he said. While routes to Japan, the Orient, New Zealand and Britain were profitable during the first half, "the

losses owing to low fares and overcapacity," he said. Mr. Pemberton said that the airOctober in view of the improved ber, after Qantas reported a net loss results and a strong stock market. He said that the bullish market that ended June 30, 1993, that it "would encourage you to go earlier, and the early feasible date would be around about October, November this year, so that you would be going to the market on a full-year

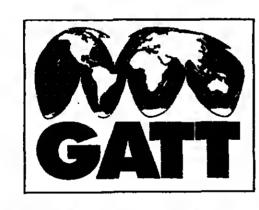
agement would like to achieve a carlier. full-year profit of more than 400 He million dollars before the airline is floated. Analysts widely expect the gov-Americas continued to sustain

> tion dollars from the sale of its The government said last Octo-

expected to float its stake in early 1995. Qantas said the loss was mainly a result of the cost of acquiring Australian Airlines in 1992. Interest charges fell to 64.2 million dollars in the most recent half, Mr. Pemberton said that man- from 147.9 million dollar a year

He said Qantas was working with British Airways, which paid 665 million dollars for its 25 percent stake in Qantas in March ernment to raise more than 2 bil- 1993, to reduce costs by cooperating on some administrative, techni-

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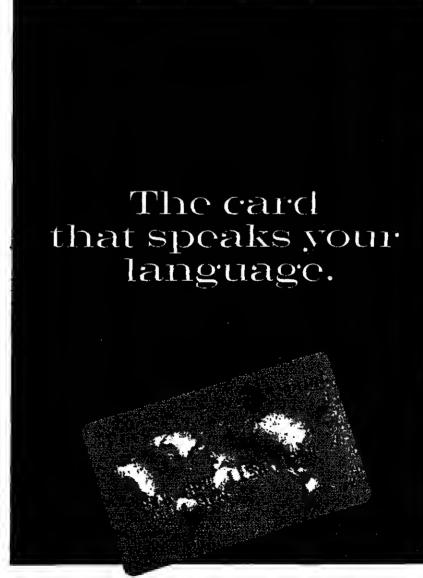
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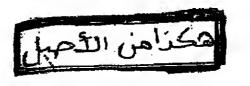
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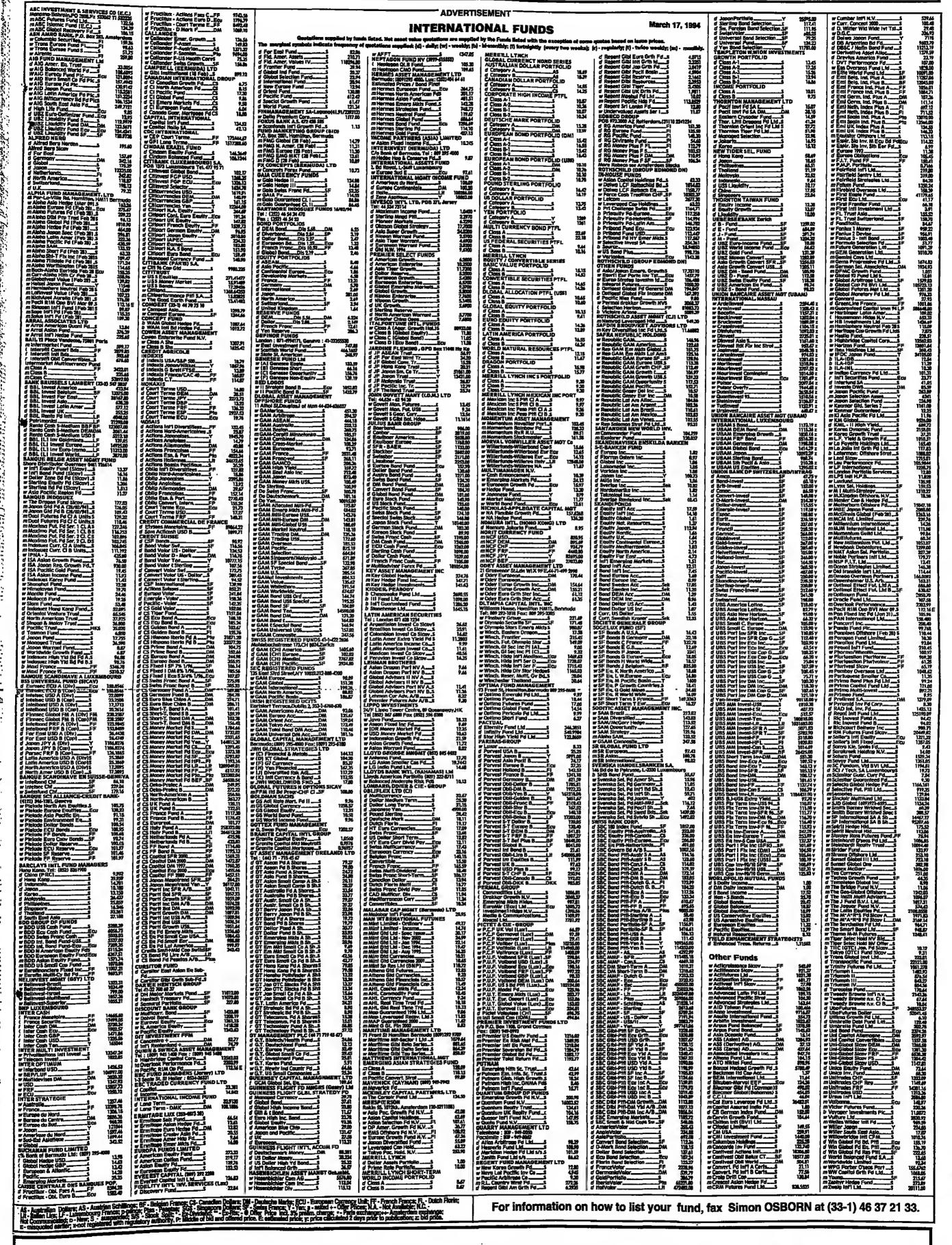
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American **Skis Another** Big Super-G At Finals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches VAIL, Colorado - Diann Roffe-Steinrotter showed once again her ability to rise to the big occasion by winning the women's super giant slalom Thursday at the World Cup Finals in the last race of

The American racer, who won the Olympic super-G crown at Lil-lehammer, started fourth and roared through the 1,822-meter (1,990-yard), 41-gate course in 1 ninute, 24.93 seconds and the time withstood all challenges.

Katja Seizinger of Germany, who won her third successive sea-son World Cup downhill title on Wednesday, finished second in 1:25.07 to repeat as super-G champion for the season. Anita Wachter of Austria was third in 1:25.09. Roffe-Steinrotter, whose only

other World Cup victory came in a giant slalom at Lake Placid in 1985, thrust ber poles overhead and clapped them together, acknowledging the cheering home crowd at the end of her sizzling run.

"I'm thrilled," said the Amerilast racer had finished and victory was hers.

Switzerland'a Vreni Schneider finished tied for eighth place at 1:26.39 to pick up 32 points and increase her lead in the overall World Cup standings to 133 over Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg.

Wiberg was unable to race because of bruised ribs suffered in a crash in the downhill but hopes to be able to race in the weekend's last two events, the giant slalom and

Bibiana Perez of Italy finished second in the season standings followed by Hilde Gerg of Germany, The victory raised Roffe-Steinrotter only into 13th place in the

This was a great way to finish my career," said Roffe-Steinrotter, whose final triumph came one week shy of her 27th birthday, "This is a special day, I've never been so nervous before a race."

Seizinger was .16 of a second faster than the winner at the first intermediate stage but lost time in the next stage and again at the bottom of the course.

In the men's downbill on Wednesday, veteran Marc Girar-delli collected his sixth World Cup discipline title, earning the downhill crown despite not winning any of the 11 races this season.

Girardelli, already a five-time World Cup overall champion, was content to add the downhill title to his impressive collection, and virtually conceded the overall to Norway's Kjetil Andre Asmodt, Girardelli trails Aamodt by 261 points, 1,242-981.

Girardelli finished seventh in Wednesday's race. That was worth 36 points, giving him 556 downhill points for the season. Austrian Hannes Trinkl, who finished second to race winner William Besse of Switzerland, wound up second in the final standings, too, at 536. (Reuters, AP)



can, who burst into tears after the Tonya Harding listening to her lawyer, Robert Weaver, before signing a waiver related to her plea of guilty to hindering prosecution.

Harding's Plea Leaves Questions Unanswered

A 10-week whodunit that capunlikely backdrop of figure skating came to an inconclusive halt when Tonya Harding pleaded guilty to a single charge in the assault on her rival, Nancy Kerrigan.

500 bours of community service.

Also, Harding agreed to contribute \$50,000 to establish a fund for

In a negotiated plea Wednesday with a district court in Portland, Oregon, Harding admitted to conspiring to hinder prosecution of the case, a felony offense that carries a

tured world attention against the lines, she will not serve any prison time. She received a probation of three years, a fine of \$100,000 and

> Special Olympics in Oregon, to re-imburse the county \$10,000 in legal expenses and to undergo a psychiatric examination.

years and a fine of \$100,000. from the U.S. Figure Skating Asso-Under Oregon sentencing guide ciation, a move that means she will be ineligible for the world championships next week in Japan.

> As a result, her amateur career will end with an eighth-place finish at the Winter Olympics last month in Norway, where Kerrigan was second be-hind Oksana Baiul of Ukraine.

What the agreement did not include - and now might never be known for certain — is the full As an additional condition of the extent of her knowledge of the Jan. agreement, Harding must resign 6 attack in Detroit, where Kerrigan

lapsible metal baton. Harding has always insisted she had no involvement in the attack.

Harding's plea came after a day of testimony before a grand jury deciding whether Harding or any of at least three others involved in the assault would be indicted.

Among those testifying Wednes-day was her former husband, Jeff Gillooly, who had told federal investigators that Harding was involved in planning the attack.

This Could Be the Start Of a Really Big Career

Achievement Award goes to . . . Mrs. Tonya Harding-(Applause, much applause.) Unfortunately, Tonya is unable to join us tonight.

But let us take this evening to review her sensational, spectactular career.

Tonya came from a troubled home in Oregon, and as a skater she really wasn't the best. But in 1994 she rocketed to fame, becoming an international celebrity at the age of 23 when her husband pleaded guilty to arranging a bizarre attack on a rival American skater. (Nervous laughter.)

And when Tonya agreed to a plea bargain shortly after the 1994 Olympics — proving only that she knew

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of the conspiracy after the attack - it looked like an anticlimactic conclusion to the most sensational episode in American sport.

Well, we all know now that that was only the beginning. Much bigger things were in store for Tonya. Unable to travel beyond Oregon, Washington and Califormia because of her probation, she spent those three years practicing the Asian arts of self-defense, most notably karate. Inspired by a \$2 million offer to become a professional wrestler in Japan, she chose to remain in America. In 1997, she became the instant star of the new

Ladies Professional Kick-Boxing Association.
(Highlights of Tonya kick-boxing appear on screen.) Were the matches fixed or were they real? The debate raged as Tonya's opponents were carried out of the ring one after the other. Slow-motion replays showed dozens of her competitors suffering careerending knee injuries, the devastating and practically unavoidable consequence of the "Triple Axel" — the name Tonya gave to her signature spinning air-kick.

Within months, atadium crowds of 100,000 and pay-per-view audiences in the tens of millions were following Tonya and her ex-husband/manager, Jeff Gillooly - she in her rhinestoned, muscle-bound, ugly, figure-skating-style outfits, her lavender makeup visible from the furthest seat in the house, her hands in boxing gloves, a cigarette stuffed in ber mouth in between rounds, and her ex-husband constantly shouting instructions up to her. With a glare she would spit the butt at him, the crowd roaring as she stomped toward ber next victim, her French-braided head weaving back and forth like a cobra's.

(Lights dim for video.) Question: If we could finally set the record straight,

Jeff, did or did not Tonya help plan the attack on Nancy And the International Newsmakers Lifetime Kerrigan six years ago?

Gillooly: It was all her idea. I still can't believe I was

the one who went to jail. Ouestion: Was it your idea, Tonya?

Harding: I think it's time the truth came out. I am'
ready to confess today that the idea was all mine... NOT!

Hah Hah! Hah Hah HACK HAH HACK HACK.

(Video freezes with Tonya in mid-hack.) (Applause as the lights come back up.) A generation of pre-teenagers who knew nothing about the 1994 Olympics were flocking around Tonya. Every has-been celebrity who sought to regain his or her

15 minutes of lost fame could dare enter the ring for "an" exhibition" against her, often with painful results. (A montage of Tonya photographs: Leaning to high Madonna on her stretcher... Kneeling to sign Shaquille. O'Neal's cast... Standing by as Buddy Ebsen receives last rites... and relief as he regains consciousness...)

Then — disaster, During a rare tag-team match,
Tonya rushes out to defend Gillooly from a doubleattack by Roseanne and Tom Arnold, who are grappling to regain their place as America's most notorious couple. But for once Tonya's "Triple Axel" is misdirected — or is it? — as the kick takes out Gillooly's knee. The Arnolds seize the moment, casting the distraught would-be pixie and her ex-hit-man-husband from the

ring in a heap. Tonya will never kick-box again. Instead, she uses their millions to buy the Ice Capades, starring Katarina Witt. The show takes a new direction as Harding orders Witt to sit on a trap door over a pool of water and a sign that reads:

DUNK THE ICE QUEEN. The interactive gimmick,

initially successful, fades rapidly.

The remaining years are a whirlwind: The final break-up of their on-again, off-again marriage.

Tonya loses the last of her savings, and her righ. pinkie, as the star of a sea-life extravaganza in which sharks are trained like dolphins ... She applies to work with the Mother Teresa Foundation in India but is turned down after lying on her application.

Then, while starring in a questionable film biography of Sonja Henie on location, Tonya meets and falls head-over-heels in location. ad-over-heels in love with . . . Claus Von Bulowl

(Laughter and applause.)
Tonya really wanted to be here tonight. She sued the Swedish government to let her attend this ceremony, but they aren't going to let her leave until they find out why Claus fell into that come last week. On a personal note, I have just this to say: Good luck finding out (Applause.)

Good night, and thanks for joining us. I've been your host, Nancy Kerrigan, (She walks off stage holding Tonya's award. Standing ovation.)

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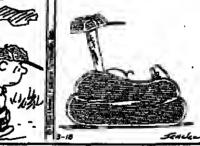
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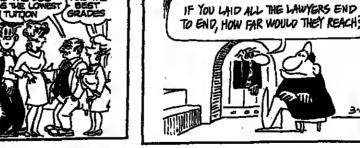


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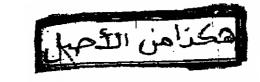




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necticut before Rider scored the

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ill in a span of eight seconds,
That gave UConn a 28-24 lead,

Allen then hit a jumper and 3-pointer during a 9-0 run by Con-

pasket after a missed free throw, a

olay and Donny Marshall's layup,

favorite ridden by Mark Dwyer.

third of the 15 runners.

defeats in 1991 and 1992.

29 hairuna with 6:34 left. Freshman C

seconds left tied it, 29-29, at half-

Maryland 74, No. 24 Seint Louis

66: In Wichita, Kansas, freshman Joe Smith had 29 points and 15

rebounds as Maryland defeated

Saint Louis in the first round of the

Saint Louis, making its first tour-nament appearance since 1957,

looked confused on offense and

NCAA ROUNDUP

Maryland (17-11), the 10th seed, led by 15 points in the first half and

by 11 with 7:53 left in the game.

But seventh-seeded Saint Louis ral-lied and closed to 64-61 with about

The Billikens, who started their

season with a 14-game winning streak, lost three of their last four

Saint Louis shot just 37 percent in the first half and fell behind, 23-

13, following a 10-2 run by the

Maryland, making its first NCAA appearance since 1988, took a 30-15 lead with 4:12 left in

the half before H Waldman pulled

the Billikens to within 35-30 at in-

11) also got a lift from the strong .65.

15 points in the first half.

Southeast Regional.

Persistent, The Fellow

Wins Cheltenham Cup

CHELTENHAM, England — French-trained The Fellow, twice beaten by a short head in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, finally

The Fellow effortlessly cleared the 22d and last barrier in the 3

mile, 550 yard (3.72 kilometer) race, but Jodami stumbled over the

It was The Fellow's fourth attempt at winning the race. The horse

The Fellow was the first French-trained winner of the Gold Cup.

Trainer François Doumen said: "He really deserved to win." After the race, The Fellow was installed as the new favorite for the Grand National at Aintree in Liverpool on April 9. (Reuters, AP)

finished fourth at Cheltenham last year after two agonizingly narrow

hurdle, losing enough ground to put victory out of reach.
Young Hustler, a 20-1 shot, ridden by Carl Llewellyn, finished

triumphed on Thursday in jump racing's most prestigious prize.

Ridden by Adam Kondrat, The Fellow, a 7-1 chance, battled up
the Cheltenham hill to hold off last year's winner Jodami, the 6-4

four minutes remaining.

games and finished 23-6.

NCAA Midwest Regional

second half. Connecticut took ad- had no one to match up with Smith,

vantage of the drought to turn a 29-only the fourth freshman to make the All-ACC team in 47 years.

first appearance in the NCAA

tournament and holding the na-

tion's longest winning streak at 16 games, led, 50-46, on Stacy Harris'

Harrison then made a 3-pointer

from the corner. After Charleston's

Thad Delaney hit a layup, Harrison sank another 3-pointer from the

top of the key to pull Wake Forest even at 52 with 4:19 left.

Charleston's Marion Busby, who

finished with 21 points, then made two free throws before Blucas hit a

long-range shot to give Wake For-

Harris made a 17-footer to give 12th-seeded Charleston a 56-55 lead, but Blucas then hit a 3-point-

er to put Wake in front. After Dun-

can blocked a shot, Wake Forest's

Trelonnie Harris sank a short

jumper and Duncan hit two free

throws to give Wake a six-point lead with 1:22 remaining. Randolph Childress, who picked

up his fourth foul with 11:23 to go, stayed in the game and finished with 14 points. Harrisoo also scored 14 for Wake Forest.

Charleston scored the first nine

Childress later scored six points

during a 10-0 run that gave Wake

In another second-round game

in Tulsa, Life College of Georgia

mont Horizon was booked for a

Wednesday night at Evanston, Illi-

Northwestern's Wildcats played

during a shaky first half. They fell

behind by 12 points, but it was to

We understood from the begin-

like the postseason rookies they are in the second half.

points of the game, and increased

the margin to 16-4 on Busby's 3-

pointer with 13:03 left in the half.

Maryland regained control at the start of the second half and led, 62.

51, on a basket by Smith, who had 15 points in the first half-time.

Wake Forest 68, Charleston 58: NAIA Champ Advances

In Lexington, Kentucky, Marc Blu-cas and Charlie Harrison each hit waii Pacific, won its second-round

two 3-pointers during a late 16-6 game Thursday in the NAIA Divi-rum that carried Wake Forest to victory over College of Charleston in the first round of the NCAA In another second-round game

Fifth-seeded Wake Forest (21- defeated Westmoot, California, 85-

est at one-point lead

layup with 6:17 remaining

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But a three-point play by Al Flowers gave Rider a 29-28 edge, the Donyell Marshall scored nine of Donyell Marshall scored nine of Lie 19 points as Connecticut started before Allen's free throw with 5.7 before Allen's free throw with 5.7 charleston (24-4), making its With the state of HER HACK in the second name with a second real with a second rest with the first round of the second rest with the secon M of pre-terminal

the NCAA East Regional.

Marshall, who averaged 25.8 points this season, was held under 20 for only the third time in 32 games. He missed his first four shots and was 2-for-7 while scoring only six points in the first half.

But the Huskies, ranked fourth nationally and the second seed in the East, forced 15th-seeded Rider to miss 13 of its first 15 shots in the cut it does not be second half. Connecticut took ad-Out to deter. cance and i their place ii 4read Testing. 🗝 as the 🚓 🚉 with the months Tonya will nave. é uses men m

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30-yard line, rather than the 35.

percent were returned.

• Field-goal kickers made 76.6

Browne said two-point conversion attempts were successful 43

percent of the time in colleges last

In past years, almost everyone in the NFL opposed the two-point

Coaches felt they faced enough difficult decisions during a game without one more, and hard-core traditionalists simply dismissed the

But colleges have been offering the option since 1958, and it has made their game more exciting. Such former college head coaches as Dennis Green of the Minnesota Vikings, Bobby Ross of the San

Diego Chargers and Jimmy Johnson of the Dallas Cowboys have recommended that the NFL try it. The Competition Committee ami Dolphins and General Manager George Young of the Giants as

In previous years, Young had

than in the past."
"We want to allow a team to be TODAY'S able to rally from a deficit," Young REAL ESTATE

said. "We have overtime, which is exciting. A two-point conversion can be viewed a little differently because late in a game, most coaches who trail by a point will kick themselves into overtime rather than go for two points. But if a team is eight or 11 points behind late in the game, it might go for two

Now he said, "I feel less negative

cats a three-point lead.

DePaul (16-12) got 18 points from Tom Kleinschmidt, only five

Shula, like Young, had never been comfortable with the idea of a two-point cooversioo. But although Shula has one of the best field-goal kickers in Pete Stoyano-vich, he is also uncomfortable with

two-point conversion at first," Shula said, "but the more I looked at it, the more I realized how it could help our league. I think it's a way to bring not only excitement to the game, but to make scoring touchdowns a premium."

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It could be said that DePaul lost a victory in Northwestern's first 7), which survived a scoreless ansville, Indiana, Kim Lewis doubleheader. First, it was the postseason game in 11 years, "We streak of 6:28 midway through the scored a season-high 23 points and (18-10)

Grateful Dead; then Northwestern.

"We have no excuses," Depand coach Joey Meyer said after his Blue Demons — denied a home game in the NIT because the Rosemont Horizon was booked for a possesson game in 11 years, "We streak of 6:28 midway through the second first half, but we second half, brut we second half.

The Wildcats (15-13) finally took the lead with 4:17 to go when Kip Kirkpatrick tipped in a missed free left, lifting Duquesne (17-12) to its first postsesson victors in 14 to its postsesson victors in 15 to its postsesson victors in 15 to its postsesson victors in 15 to its postsesson victors in 16 to its postsesson victors in 16 to its postsesson victors in 16 to its postsesson victors in 17 to its postsesson victors in 17 to its postsesson victors in 18 to its postsesson victor Baldwin had 12 of his 21 in the Alston had 27 points.

Northwestern Makes a Successful Return to Postseason Play

ond-half turnaround that produced scored 17 points to lead Xavier (21-

Grateful Dead concert - lost to second half, including a slam dunk Bradley 66, Murray State 58: In city rival Northwestern, 69-68, with 1:51 to go that gave the Wild- Peoria, Illinois, Deon Jackson and

NIT ROUNDUP

Chad Kline scored 16 points to Siena 76, Georgia Tech 68: In lead the Braves.

Albany, New York, Doremus Ben-Murray State tied the game at 54 on two free throws by Marcus Brown with 2:41 left. But Bradley nerman scored 33 points for Siena (22-7), including a 3-pointer from (22-7) made 12 of 14 free throws in ning what the NIT means and we the top of the key that broke a 66didn't want an emotiooal let-down," said Wildcats guard Patrick Baldwin, who helped lead a see-68: In Cincinnati, Brian Grant the last two minutes. Marcus Jones had 20 points for Murray State (23-6).

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Tulane's bruising man-to-man half-court defense stifled the Purple Aces inside as Lewis went 4-for-7 from 3-point range, loosening the inside defense of Evansville (21-

Tulane 76, Evansville 63: In Ev-

New Orleans 79, Texas A&M 73: In New Orleans, Dedric Willoughby made a 3-pointer in overtime to put New Orleans (20-9) ahead to minotes left when Harris went to

Tony Madison led New Orleans

with 18 points. Chuck Henderson led the Aggies

(19-11) with 19 points. Vanderbilt 77, Oklahoma 67: In

career point No. 1,001 for Tulane big 3-pointers. Oklahoma (15-13) lost for the

sixth time in seven games, ending its worst season since 1980-81, Billy Tubbs's first as coach.

Fresno State 79, Southern Cal 76: In Fresno, California, Carl Ray Harris scored six of his 30 points in the final 2:31. Fresno State (20-10) trailed, 73-71, with just under three work.

Burt Harris, who led Southern

Cal (16-12) with 20 points, missed a 3-point attempt with less than 50 seconds left in the game, and Fresno State worked the shot clock Norman, Okiahoma, Billy McCaf-frey and Ronnie McMahan took down to five before Carl Ray Har-frey and Ronnie McMahan took ris hit an off-balance shot from the the Commodores (17-11) on a deci- top of the key for a four-point lead.

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Charlotte Finds

Defense is back in Charlotte with the return of Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson from injury. The Hornets, last in the NBA in points allowed with 108.7 per game, have given up an average of 98.5 points while winning three of four games, including a 92-79 vic-tory over Atlanta on Wednesday

night.
Charlotte held the Hawks to 35 percent shooting while holding the opposition under 100 points for st the 19th time in 61 games.

Mourning had 20 points and three blocked shots, and Johnsoo scored 16 points in his fourth game back from a sprained lower back

We felt like this was a momenturn builder," coach Allan Bristow said. "Our defense stepped it up." The Hornets are 4% games behind New Jersey for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern

"I think this is the kind of effort we have to put forth to get back in the playoff picture," said Mourning, who was ejected late in the game after a scuffle with the Hawks' Kevin Willis. "It's a big obstacle, but we have nothing to

The Hawks, who trailed by as many as 22 points in the second half, got as close as eight in the

fourth quarter.
Spurs 116, Trail Blazers 102: In San Antonio, Dale Ellis and David Robinson scored 27 points each for the Spurs and Ellis came within

two of becoming the first NBA player with 1,000 3-point goals. Ellis had 19 points and three 3pointers in the first half, but he missed all three of his attempts in the second half to stay at 998 for his

Clifford Robinson scored 21 Nick Van Exel of Los Angeles shooting over Brent Price of Washington during the Lakers' victory. points for Portland, which lost its

fourth straight after a 10-1 streak. Lakers 129, Buillets 94: In Los Angeles, Nick Van Exel had 21 points and 11 assists and Los Angeles manhandled visiting Washington on the boards, outrebounding the Bullets 61-28.

Sedale Threatt scored 12 of his 16 points in the first quarter, lifting the Lakers to a 36-22 advantage the Bullets never threatened.

Pacers 109, Suns 98: In India-napolis, lodiana woo its 11th straight home game as Reggie Miller scored 21 of his 34 points in

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

the second half, rallying the Pacers from a 16-point deficit against

Kevin Johnson scored 23 points for Phoenix. The wild game featured 93 free throws, 63 personal fouls and five technicals, four of them on Indi-

Bulls 101, Celtics 100: In Boston, Scottie Pippen's 3-pointer with 51 seconds left broke a tie, and Chicago handed Boston its eighth loss in

nine home games. Pippen's shot gave the Bulls a 101-98 lead. Kevin Gamble hit a short jumper with 40 seconds left to

pull the Celties within a point. Boston got the ball back with 4.5 seconds left after a 24-second violation against the Bulls, but Dee Brown missed a 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left.

Horace Grant led the Bulls with 20 points. Brown scored 27 points for the Celtics, but just one in the

final period.

Magic 100, Mavericks 98: In Orlando, the Magic dealt Dallas its ninth consecutive loss when Donald Royai hit a fallaway jumper at

Shaquille O'Neal led the Magic with 34 points and 21 rebounds.

A Gun Charge Against Maxwell scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, and McMahan hit two

The Associated Press HOUSTON — Houston Rockets guard Vernon Maxwell has been released on \$1,000 bond after an incident that allegedly led to the dis-

covery of a handgun in his car. A county judge charged Maxfully carrying a weapon, a misdemeanor punishable by a year in jail, a \$3,000 fine or both. Maxwell was arrested Tuesday in a cafeteria parking lot.

Last summer, Maxwell was arrested for arguing with an off-duty police officer who was working as a security guard at a Houston nightspot.

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NFL to Consider the 2-Point Conversion

By Frank Litsky New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Tired of those 18-15 or 9-6 National Football League games in which one team kicks a ton of field goals, the other kicks one fewer and no one scores a touchdown? Tired of watching kickoffs booming through the end zone? Tired of watching a kick returner kneel down in the end zone?

So are the league owners, whose approach to the game has tradi-tionally been stodgy rather than treative. But when the owners meet next week in Orlando, Florida, the impetition Committee will recminend that when a team scores a touchdown, it can try two-point conversion with a run or pass.

A person familiar with the committee discussions said that the committee had unanimously recommended the two-point conversion option and that the owners seemed sure to go along with the

also making two proposals to help

restore the kickoff return. First, kickoffs would be made from the

In 1973, when kickoffs were made from the 40-yard line 74.4 percent of them were returned. In 1974, when kickoffs were moved to the 35, 92.1 percent of them were returned. Last season, only 68.5

Joe Browne, the NFL's vice president for communications, said the two-point option was one way to re-emphasize touchdowns and reduce field goals. He cited these figures from last season to show how field goals had become more preva-

• Teams scored four tonch-downs for every three field goals, as opposed to ratios of two to one in 1983 and six to one in the 1960s. • Field goals accounted for 24 percent of the scoring, the highest

percent of their attempts as opposed to 59 percent in 1970.

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comprises eight owners, team officials and coaches. The committee, with Coach Don Shula of the Mico-chairmen, studies playing rules and league procedures. Its recommendations to the owners are usually accepted.

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By Russell Baker

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trying to speed us into the hearse? Still, he had a point. Cassandras howl about drugs, tobacco and highfat diet, but it's entertainment that has us all hooked. Drug-free, tobac-co-cleansed, dietetically approved by the American Dreary Dining Association millions of us may be, but cut off our daily entertainment fix and you will see an entire nation writhing in Promethean agonies. No, I am oot about to beat up oo

poor old television one more time. Television has our minds by the throat, and we all know it, and it's useless sermonizing about it because we are as powerless to stop gaping at it five, seven, 32 hours a day as the pathetic nicotine fiend is powerless to stop himself from lighting just one more.

It's the so-called Whitewater business that brings Postman's the-sis to mind. The likelihood that Whitewater amounts to more than a hill of beans - or at the most. two or three hills of beans - seems very slight to me.

Whatever was done seems to have been done on the small-bore Arkansas scale, involving a small-bore savings and loan and some two-bit money transactions with Bill Clinton back when he was governor of Arkansas, a small-bore statesman in the kind of environment where the establishment usually consists of the local real-estate speculator, two lawyers, a feed-grain capitalist and the town's undertaker.

If there was dirty pool, obviously it should not be excused. With a high-powered counsel on the job, it obviously won't be. Obviously, the

Clintons will pay dearly for it. Still, Washingtoo reporters, who are in a lather about it — "in Watergate mode," George Bush might have said - must have enough experience of their own state legislatures to know that state capitols are oatural breeding cultures for cheesy little back-scratcher deals.

Not that there is any evidence yet that Whitewater involved the Clintons in such stuff. So far there is no evidence of anything except White House bumbling.

The reason this rickety construcdon of innuendo and circumstance occupies the media so intensely is that presidents are central to the

American need to be entertained. Government is too complicated to be entertaining: those 535 characters in Congress, all those myste-rious regulatory agencies, lobbies, Pentagon, State Department. It is a pandemonium of incomprehensible realities.

Worse than that, it is dull, Dull, duli, duli! A country dying for entertainment can't stand for dullness, doesn't want incomprehensible realities, doesn't want hundreds of congresspeople, thousands of lawyers, hundreds of thousands of mind-glazing complications.

It wants entertainment. This is why almost all media coverage of government centers oo the presi-dent, his wife, his family and his entourage. They provide a manage-ably small cast for a national sitcom, or soap opera, or docudrama, making it easy for media people to persuade themselves they are covering the news while mostly just

The Whitewater business is a oatural for a press that oeeds to be entertaining. The realities of Clinton governance - health care and welfare reforms, declining standards of living, alarming trade imbalances - are hard to cover in the press and impossible to cover on television in ways that entertain.

Whitewater, oo the other hand, is a scriptwriter's delight. We have fearless reporters going jaw-to-jaw with the star of the show. We have bush-league Richelieus like Dole and D'Amato playing the Suave Forces of Righteousness on camera. We have justification for endless pondering about the first lady.

No. Watergate it's not, oor even Iran-contra, both of which were about criminal abuses of presidential power. Big stuff, really great shows, those. Still, Whitewater is the best news in Washingtoo now that Barbra Streisand no longer guests at the White House.

New York Times Service

Shirley MacLaine: What's Going On Here?

By Karen De Witt

New York Times Service

ALIBU, California — Except for the sound of the
sea outside, it is perfectly still in Shirley MacLaine's
beachfront apartment. She has shifted from talking about movies to the mystical, pondering the cause of the under-

lying chaos on the planet.

"To me, it's like we're coming to the end of this millennium," MacLaine says in her reasonable, womannext-door manner. The red-haired, 59-year-old actress pops a tiny marshmallow from her fruit salad into her mouth. "We're coming to the end of what is really based on the alignment of the planets. You can see it in all these weather changes. You can see it in human behavior becoming more erratic and bizarre. You're bound to look into yourself and say: What's going on here? Why does this all seem like a science-fiction movie? Why does the world seem like its having a nervous breakdown?"

MacLaine, who has written seven books about reincar-

nation and psychic communication, has made it very clear at the outset of this interview that she does oot want to be identified with kookiness. But since the 1983 publication of her best-selling "Out on a Limb," in which she described her reincarnations and out-of-body experiences. her name will be forever linked to a certain brand of

The reason she is submitting to a barrage of journalistic intrusions over lunch is to promote her latest movie, "Guarding Tess," in which she plays an irascible presiden-tial widow who drives her Secret Service agents crazy. The movie, which opened to favorable ootices, is No. 1 at the box office this week in the United States.

But there is oo escaping the shallow trays filled with psychic crystals scattered about the apartment (she does insist that the one in front of her be removed when she is photographed) or the beachfront doormat that says "Welcome to UFOs and their crews."

People don't need to agree with her particular spiritual stance (she points out that her philosophical outlook is almost mainstream oow with Hillary Rodham Clinton talking about a spiritual need to do her work and Bill Moyers dedicating whole television series to alternative medicine), she just thinks it cynical to ridicule her beliefs.

It is, she says, "tacky, tacky, tacky" when people specifically journalists — make those metaphysical com-parisons about her work. When a person reviews one of my movies or my show. I really think it is tacky, tacky journalism to make a metaphysical joke about whatever I've done in my theatrical work," she says. "The 'I wonder what incarnation this is that she thought whe was playing? or 'She played it like it was from one of her old Egyptian lives.'

The apartment is sparse, beign-carpeted and, by Holly-wood standards, modest. But it has a wide view of the Pacific, Polished red driftwood furniture dominates the room. Nearby tables hold pictures of MacLaine at various stages in her career; of her and her brother, Warren Beauty; their parents; of friends like Jack Nicholson and Frank Sinatra; of her daughter, Stephanie Sachiko; of her godchildren; of the Dalai Lama, and of Stephen Hawking, the Cambridge University cosmologist who has Lou Gehrig's

disease and can communicate only through a computer.

"Stephen Hawking," she says. "I just love that man because he's had to live in his own universe, and from that extraordinary space within himself he is helping us under-stand the secrets of the outer universe." The two were



Shirley MacLaine with Nicolas Cage in her new movie, "Guarding Tess."

introduced 10 years ago by their mnural editor at Bantam

Books and have been friends ever since. But enough of that, she says. This is a lunch to talk up MacLaine's latest picture, and so she gamely throws berself into its promotion. "What goes on with people who are now out of power, who feel that their privacy is being invaded at every juncture: I just love the frustration and humor in that," she says of her character, Tess Carlisle. Her co-star, Nicholas Cage, plays a by-the-book special agent in charge who longs for the kind of macho duty that features weaponry so sophisticated it is identified by numbers and letters.

"I love the study of the interplay that goes on in that particular situation," she says. "People who are in charge of taking care of people out of power have their own put-

MacLaine has spent four decades in the movie business. playing roles like that of the vulnerable waif in "The Apartment" (1960) to the smart-mouthed hooker in "Irma La Douce" (1963) and, in more recent years, a series of eccentric seniors like the cantankerous Aurora Greenway of "Terms of Endearment," the 1983 film that brought her an Academy Award. She will reprise the role in a planned

remake, "Evening Star."
Her last half-dozen movies have featured her playing irascible but lovable women of what she calls "an indeterminate age." She says she has always found playing older women interesting because they have "so much wisdom, the parts are richer." But there is also a slight irritation with the limitations of these roles.

They sent me the script, which said Tess Carlisle. 75. and I thought: Should I be insulted or should I realize that this is a compliment as long as I can see the gold under here?" MacLaine says. "So I made one change in the script

as I read through the whole thing. I just went back and where it said Tess Carlisle, 75, 1 put Tess Carlisle, 57, and

didn't change another damn thing."

And how old then is Tess Carlisle in MacLaine's mind?

"She's a woman of indeterminate age like all the people I've been playing." says MacLaine, who wore makeup and a wig to make her look older. "She's too old for a lot of the other Hollywood actresses to play. Those are the ones I'm

getting, and I have to be careful of it." What MacLaine longs for — as what 40-plus woman does not — is a film that would portray a woman of a certain age as vital, dynamic, sexy. "If they would only write for someone over 45 a love story," she says.

MacLaine is not interested in making such a movie herself, she says. "I can barely put up with questions of How do you see this character?" "she says. But she said she is writing another book that will deal with just that kind of woman. That woman would have to be as complex as MacLaine, ambitious enough to live on tomato ketchup and pickles when she arrives in New York to work on Broadway. She would have to have one of those fairy-tale occurrences to thrust her into a starring role, as did MacLaine, when she became Gladys in "The Pajama Game" after the star, Carol Haney, injured her ankle a few

days before the show's opening in 1954. She would have to be a member of the 1960s gang of actors called the "clan" or "rat pack," a group that included Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. She would have to be socially and politically active, campaigning for politicians like the Kennedys, Senator George S. McGovern, for civil rights, against the Vietnam War. And, "Oh, of course," she would have to be interested in the spiritual and mystical, she says with a wave of her

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

PEOPLE

The Cult of Balladur? Sculpture Is Withdrawn

An outsize sculpted head of Prime Minister Edouard Balladar of France has been withdrawn from an exhibition in Paris after he was ribbed on satirical television pro-grams and in the weekly Canard Enchaîne. The plaster sculpture by Georges Oudot was to have been the highlight of an exhibition at the Galerie de la Presidence, but we withdrawn at the request of the prime minister's office and replaced by a photograph. Oudot said on the radio that the bust had been with drawn because it was "very fragile" but sources quoted by Agence France-Presse said Balladur did not want to appear to be fostering a "personality cult."

Prince Edward had a belated 30th birthday party with his Iriend Sophie Rhys-Jones, fneling rumors of a deepening romantic attach-ment. Queen Elizabeth's youngest child was out of the country when he turned 30 on March 10. Rhys-Jones, 29. a public relations consultant, joined him and a dozen friends at London's Savoy Hotel for a dinner.

The opera star Luciano Pavarotti says he was aware of the cootroversy surrounding his concert in Manila, but was determined to go to the Philippines anyway. Some : feathers were ruffled when tickets were priced as high as 25,000 pesos (\$900) for the concert, to be held on Friday, the 66th birthday of President Fidel Ramos. But Pavarotti said at a news conference, "It has been my desire to come here for a long time." Several enormous TV screens have been set up outside the concert hall to carry the program to a wider audience.

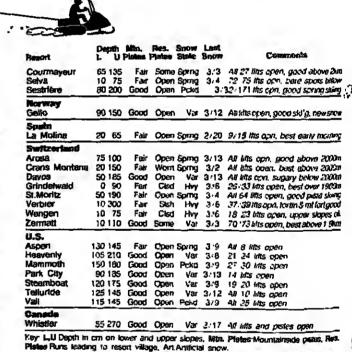
Arthur Kent, the former "Dateline NBC" correspondent who filed a lawsuit over his firing in 1992 anoounced an out-of-court settlement. The terms were oot disclosed. Kent, who now works for Canadian Broadcasting Corp. in Toronto, was suspended oo Aug. 12, 1992. The network said he refused an assignment in Croatia.

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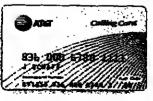
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